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Roh's Foes Renew Charges of Fraud



Roh Tae Woo claims victory at a Seoul press conference on Thursday.

Both Kims Seem Uncertain About Future Strategy

By Clyde Haberman... Seoul — Stunned by their decisive defeat in South Korea's presidential election, rival opposition leaders on Thursday declared the results void because of what they called massive fraud...

Kiosk

Karpov Takes Lead in Match

SEVILLE, Spain (AP) — Anatoli Karpov, the challenger, scored a victory Thursday in the penultimate game of the world chess championship, putting him in position to take the title from the champion, Garry Kasparov.

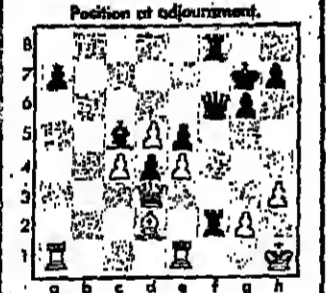


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GENERAL NEWS

Rumors feed the violence to Israeli-occupied areas. Page 2. After the summit meeting, confusion remains about Soviet intent in Nicaragua. Page 3.

BUSINESS/FINANCE

A surprise bid was made for Deere Corp., Britain's third largest supermarket chain. Page 11. British Petroleum continued to buy shares of British, bringing its total holding in the company to 24.9 percent. Page 11.

Enmity and Hardship Seal OPEC Discord

By Youssef M. Ibrahim

PARIS — Some industry analysts may feel confident that a resourceful OPEC can halt the slide in oil prices that began Monday, when the cartel reached only a vague agreement in its effort to curb runaway production and price discounting.

NEWS ANALYSIS

players "has taken a 14th seat among the 13 members" of the cartel. "Blood is more precious than oil," said this Arab oil minister, who asked not to be identified.

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producers of oil: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

In an accord endorsed Monday by all members except Iraq, OPEC chose to maintain its reference price at \$18 a barrel and limit output to 15.06 million barrels a day.

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Husak Resigns As Party Head in Czechoslovakia

By Jackson Diehl

Washington Post Service — Gustav Husak, the politician who imposed a harsh Communist orthodoxy on Czechoslovakia after the 1968 Soviet-led invasion and who steadfastly resisted changes through 18 years in power, has resigned from his post as head of the country's Communist Party, the official CTK press agency said Thursday.

announced Va-Kesh, has failed during nearly 20 years in senior party positions to create a strong political profile of his own.

"Any change is good — but just because it is a change, not because of the people involved," said Jiri Dienstbier, a leader of the Charter 77 movement, the leading human rights group in Czechoslovakia.



Earthquake Kills 2, Injures 53 in Japanese Prefecture

Hundreds of people running for a bus in Chiba, Japan, after train service was suspended Thursday because of an earthquake. The quake killed two persons, injured 53 and damaged more than 7,500 homes. Chiba Prefecture, bordering Tokyo to the southeast, was hardest hit.

On Afrikaners' Big Day, Change Is in Air

By John F. Burns

PRETORIA — As recorded bells rang through the marble chamber of the Voortrekker Monument, a broad-shouldered man put his arm around his small daughter and peered with her over the parapet to the floor below. After a moment, he pulled a handkerchief from his pocket and dabbed his eyes.

On Wednesday, on the 149th anniversary of the Battle of Blood River in 1838, a decisive encounter that delivered a few hundred Afrikaner pioneers from obliteration by a vastly greater number of Zulus, the weather cooperated.

A few minutes before noon, a thick cloud cover parted for the harsh sunlight of the South African summer. Co schedule, a shaft of light passed across the words "Ons Vir Jou, Suid Afrika" (We For Thee, South Africa), emblazoned on the cenotaph's marble top.

abandonment of ideas that infused Afrikaner nationalism in the past, and their replacement with a new humanism.

The minister took his theme from the Old Testament account of the Jews' journey into Israel. In the past, biblical passages citing God's favor to the people of Israel have been used, by analogy, to justify the Afrikaners' pre-eminence in South Africa; but Mr. Geysler told the gathering that the real lesson of the Old Testament was that the Jews were blessed by God only as long as they remained faithful to His teachings, and that these included consideration and respect for other human beings.

Bush Backed Iran Deal, Poindexter Memo Says

By Walter Pincus

WASHINGTON — Vice President George Bush was "solid" in supporting the Reagan administration plan to sell arms to Iran to gain release of U.S. hostages, according to a newly discovered White House computer memo released Thursday by the Senate committee investigating the Iran-contra affair.

"Most importantly, President and VP are solid in taking the position that we have to try," Admiral Poindexter said in a note to his predecessor, Robert L. McFarlane, on Feb. 1, 1986. In the message, Admiral Poindexter said: "The hostage plan is still working and it calls for the hostages to be released on 9 Feb."

The Feb. 1 memo is one of 96 electronic messages obtained recently. The memo noted that Secretary of State George P. Shultz and the defense secretary at the time, Caspar W. Weinberger, "still disagree on policy grounds" on the wisdom of the venture.

The Senate committee said the memo represents "the first evidence" that the congressional committees had found "concerning the vice president's position on the Iran initiative."

The disclosure revives questions about how closely Mr. Bush was involved in the Iran-contra affair. It comes as he is campaigning for the Republican presidential nomination. He is considered a front-runner.

Bob Dole, the Senate minority leader, embraced the INF treaty. Page 3.

Market Collapse Shows Inadequacy Of Federal Regulation, Experts Say

By Nathaniel C. Nash

WASHINGTON — The federal regulators who supervise the U.S. securities markets may be breathing a sigh of relief after avoiding a disastrous trading shutdown in October. But they should not take too much comfort.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the front-line agencies supervising the markets, need more power to intervene in chaotic markets, larger staffs and more sophisticated computers to monitor and analyze trading.

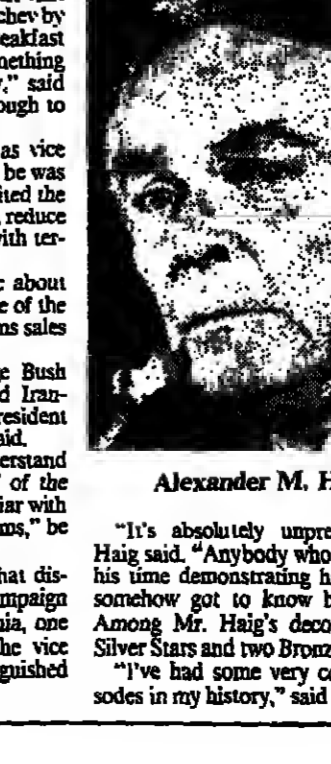
On a larger scale, some experts say, the government's philosophical approach to regulating Wall Street needs re-evaluation. The answer is not necessarily to abandon the deregulation that gained currency during the Reagan presidency, these people say.

Haig Opens Fire on Bush: 'A Leader He Is Not'

By Bernard Weinraub

NASHUA, New Hampshire — Riding in a van as sleek pelted the windows, Alexander M. Haig Jr. said with a laugh that he had decided, at long last, "to have a ball, have some fun, talk in an uninhibited way."

a demerol political game" the recent visit to Washington of Mikhail S. Gorbachev by inviting political supporters to breakfast with the Soviet leader. "It shows something about the character of that fellow," said Mr. Haig, adding, "Is he tough enough to deal with Gorbachev? No."



Alexander M. Haig Jr.

mander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. "Watergate, Vietnam. The day the president was shot. And when you have to make decisions rather than avoid making decisions, then you generate a level of animosity as well as a level of support."

At a news conference in Concord, where he became the fourth major Republican candidate to file for New Hampshire's Feb. 16 primary, Mr. Haig seemed to go out of his way to criticize Mr. Bush.

Gaza Quiet, but Clashes Occur Elsewhere

By John Kifner
New York Times Service
JERUSALEM — Israeli troops kept a tight lid Thursday on the occupied Gaza Strip...

marches, rocks thrown at Israeli soldiers and the flying of the banned Palestinian flag.
The level of violence was down considerably from last week...

not so much with the events themselves, but at the adverse foreign reaction.
The Israeli Foreign Ministry set up a special unit to send information on the unrest to its embassies abroad...

Shamir's spokesman said Thursday. Reuters reported from Jerusalem.
Mr. Shamir wrote to Mr. Mubarak that the renewal of ties between most Arab countries and Egypt after the Arab summit meeting...



Iran Boats Attack Gulf Ship as U.S. Stands By

By John H. Cushman Jr.
New York Times Service
ABOARD USS LA SALLE, in the Gulf — Iranian gunboats attacked and set afire a cargo ship flying the Maldivian flag on the Gulf on Thursday...

WORLD BRIEFS

CIA Punishes 4 in Iran-Contra Affair
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The director of the Central Intelligence Agency, William H. Webster, said on Thursday that he has dismissed four agency employees...

Rumors Fan Violence in Occupied Areas

By Dan Fisher
Los Angeles Times Service
GAZA, Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip — According to one of the rumors circulating here, Palestinian youths wounded by Israeli soldiers in the unrest have been taken to an army hospital near Tel Aviv to be "finished off"...

confrontation between rulers and their unwilling subjects.
"There's definitely a 'bush telegraph' that's very active, and not always accurate," said William Lee, public information officer for the Gaza-West Bank office of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees...

Rumors that foreign reporters are Israeli spies are among the most destructive, Mr. Lee said. Four reporters were roughed up by Palestinians this week, and several reporters' cars were stoned. Mr. Lee attributed the problems to "mob mentality."
UN officials branded as totally false the rumor that wounded Palestinians have been mistreated when taken to Israeli hospitals for treatment...

CZECH: Husak Leaves Party Post

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was Mr. Gorbachev's support for his leadership and for party policies. At the same time, he forcefully restated the official, hard-line Czechoslovak party judgment on Mr. Dubcek.
The party maintains that while Mr. Dubcek's administration initially offered promise, it was taken over by "rightist and anti-socialist forces" that "threatened the foundations of the socialist system."

and the "democratization of public and political life."
That appeared to reflect a measure of Soviet dissatisfaction with the pace of change in Prague. Though Mr. Husak had sought to avoid falling out of step with Moscow, he proceeded in recent months prudently and slowly, and appeared determined to limit change largely to economic revisions.



Milos Jakes

Carbide Ordered to Pay Interim Relief in Bhopal

By Richard M. Weintraub
Washington Post Service
NEW DELHI — An Indian judge ordered the Union Carbide Corp. to pay approximately \$270 million in interim relief for the victims of the 1984 gas leak at Bhopal that left more than 2,000 people dead and between 20,000 and 50,000 seriously injured.
Judge M.W. Deo of Bhopal District Court rejected arguments by Carbide lawyers that he had no power to grant interim relief in the case and ordered the multinational company, which is based in Danbury, Connecticut, to deposit the money with the court within two months.

followed the leak from the Carbide subsidiary plant at Bhopal.
Carbide now can appeal the decision within the Indian system and ultimately back to the U.S. courts. At the same time, both sides must prepare for the court arguments on the case itself, a process which is expected to be long and involved.
Also left unresolved are discussions on a negotiated settlement, made more involved by the interim order.

Scores Detained in Gdansk After Speech by Walesa

GDANSK, Poland — The police detained scores of protesters in the southwestern city of Katowice hours after Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, demanded freedom for Poles and praised changes in the Soviet Union.
"We want freedom," Mr. Walesa said Wednesday during a speech to about 1,000 shipyard workers on the anniversary of the 1970 food riots in which at least 50 persons were killed in this Baltic Sea port.
In Katowice, the police attacked marchers taking part in a memorial service, beating them with batons and detaining about 100 of them, according to a human rights activist, Zygmunt Lenka.

He headed the party's youth organization after 1955, and later studied at the Soviet Communist Party's college in Moscow.
Mr. Jakes advanced to membership of the Secretariat in 1977, with responsibility for farming, and became a full member of the Presidium in 1981.
Tass quoted Mr. Jakes as assuring the Czechoslovak Central Committee, which confirmed his nomination, that there would be no change in Czech party policy.

U.S. F-16 Crashes in Spain

MADRID — A U.S. Air Force F-16 fighter-bomber on a training mission crashed Thursday east of Madrid. The pilot parachuted to safety, the American Embassy said.
The crash occurred on the Iberian Peninsula, near the town of Alcala de Henares, about 20 kilometers (12 miles) east of Madrid.

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The Afrikaners as a privileged group had no basis in the Bible.
"There is no such thing as being an elect people," he said between pauses for congratulations on his sermon by members of the congregation.
"As I see it, if our lives are to be based on a belief in righteousness, what is immediately ruled out is any question of any one person or group deciding for others."
Such attitudes are far from universally accepted; at Covenant Day ceremonies elsewhere across the country Wednesday, speakers belonging to conservative opposition groups urged the rejection of any moves toward a racial accommodation of the black majority.
Still, the idea of a political deal with blacks is no longer a marginal thing among Afrikaners. The country's president, Pieter W. Botha, rarely speaks without stressing government commitment to equality between racial groups. But the political arrangements Mr. Botha appears to favor are complex ones that would deny blacks the goal of outright majority rule that many of their leaders have demanded.

Mr. Geysers' sermon was one measure of how the new views are gaining acceptance. The evolution of attitudes could also be measured by an exchange that occurred after the ceremony.
As a reporter talked with David Rootenberg, a member of the green-shirted Afrikaanse Weerstandbeweging, a group that supports white supremacy, a voice from the crowd declared: "Don't say that you speak for Afrikaners, man! You should be ashamed of yourself."
The speaker introduced himself as Nic Claassen, 53, a procurement manager in a Johannesburg-area silver refinery and a member of the governing National Party.
While Mr. Rootenberg stood to one side mouthing angry rebuttals such as "You're pink, man!" Mr. Claassen said that he and 70 percent of all Afrikaners had come to the view that some form of negotiated settlement was essential.
"I just don't see how we can survive in this country without working out our future with the other people," he said.

Deaver Prosecutor Hits U.S. Leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prosecutor in the trial of Michael K. Deaver on perjury charges harshly criticized the Reagan administration on Thursday and said that the conviction of the former close aide to President Ronald Reagan was only a "thumb in the eye" against the flood of influence peddling in Washington.
At a press conference, Whitney North Seymour Jr. accused the Reagan administration of tolerating "backdoor and back-stairway favor buying." In a separate statement he referred to "vast sums of money" spent by corporations and foreign governments "to buy influence and favors," and said that "until the attitudes of government leaders change, there is little that prosecutors can do except put a thumb in the eye."

Londonderry Bombs Kill 1, Injure 15

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland (AP) — Two time bombs exploded on doorsteps in a Protestant housing project, killing one man, injuring 15 other people and damaging 50 houses, police said Thursday.
Police blamed the Irish Republican Army for the Wednesday night attack, but the outlawed guerrilla group denied responsibility.
The bombs, left in cloth bags, exploded outside two houses 50 yards (45 meters) apart in a housing project in the Waterside district of Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second-largest city. Police said the bombs contained timing devices and about 5 pounds (2.2 kilos) of explosives each.

U.S. Producing New Chemical Arms

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The United States has ended an 18-year moratorium on the production of chemical weapons and is filling canisters for artillery shells that would spread toxic nerve gas over targets, the Defense Department said on Thursday.
The canisters of inert chemicals are designed to be inserted into a 155mm shell, the first member of a new family of binary weapons in the U.S. military. Such binary shells will contain separate, harmless components that combined do not form a deadly agent until they are fired from guns or dropped from aircraft.
In Geneva on Thursday, U.S. and Soviet negotiators adjourned their latest round of talks aimed at banning production, deployment and stockpiling of chemical weapons, an official U.S. statement said. There was no immediate indication what progress was made during the talks.

For the Record

About 220,000 people died in Soviet road accidents over the past five years, a newspaper said Thursday.
Sozialisticheskaya Industriya said one-fifth of the deaths were due to drunken driving. It said 50,000 people had died in accidents this year and 250,000 were injured. (Reuters)
A British ferry captain failed in his appeal to clear himself of blame for a disaster off the Belgian coast in which the ferry Herald of Free Enterprise capsized on March 6, killing 193 people. Captain David Lewry was turned down in an appeal to a high court in London. (AP)

TRAVEL UPDATE

All U.S. Airline Staff Subject to Checks
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration, responding Thursday to criticism of lax security at major airports, ordered airlines to require all employees, including uniformed flight crews, to pass through airport security checkpoints.
The agency also said it would soon take regulatory action aimed at requiring airlines to make increased use of computers to keep track of identification badges used by its employees as well as other workers at major airports. The directive goes into effect Monday.
The action occurred as congressional investigators said at a House hearing that they found widespread security problems at major airports, with inadequate passenger screening, lax control over employee security badges and thousands of badges missing.

French Pilots, Mechanics End Strike

PARIS (UPI) — Pilots and technicians of the French domestic carrier Air Inter ended a two-day strike Thursday and airline officials said normal service would be restored Friday for holiday travel.
Air Inter spokesmen said 77 of 324 scheduled flights were canceled Thursday as navigators and technicians struck in objection to plans for smaller air crews in the new Airbus A-320. Officials said 250 flights would be added on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to meet the pre-Christmas rush.
Passenger traffic on Alitalia, the Italian national airline, increased by 11 percent in the first 11 months of 1987, a spokesman for the airline said Wednesday in Florence. (UPI)
Relative calm returned to Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport on Thursday as striking ground workers abided by a Christmas truce, suspending protests that have caused havoc for air travelers for months. (Reuters)
The Oslo city council, trying to cope with traffic problems, has decided to impose a toll of 10 kroner (\$1.50) on private vehicles entering the city, beginning in the spring.
The state road from Sondrio, Italy, to the Italian resort of Borghetto swept away by landslides and flash floods in July, was reopened to traffic on Sunday. (AP)

KOREA: Kims Cite Fraud in Vote

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Whether only hard-core militants take to the streets.
Dissident groups Thursday repeated and amplified charges of pervasive cheating at polling places and counting stations. Among the more common unfair practices attributed to the ruling party were payoffs to voters, switching of ballot boxes and tampering with individual ballots.
But many neutral analysts were not persuaded that these incidents, taken together, constituted proof of systemic election fraud. "There's no smoking gun," a university political scientist said. "At least there's no gun big enough to support claims that it made a difference."
Some people in the opposition focused Thursday on possible computer fraud, raising questions about the integrity of procedures for counting the 23 million paper ballots. Here again, there was no hard evidence of wrongdoing. But in determining the prospects for short-term stability, perceptions may count as much as reality.
Koreans of all political stripes were startled to find Mr. Roh finishing a close second to Kim Dae Jung in Seoul, normally an anti-government center. That topped off alarms among some skeptics.
Computer tabulations made by an anti-government group called the National Coalition for Democracy reportedly showed different vote totals from the official figures. There was no evidence, however, that this operation had been run more professionally than the government's. Besides, Mr. Roh was the winner anyway, although by a smaller margin.
Perceptions of the election's integrity are expected to go a long way to determine whether widespread disorders erupt and possibly sweep up the general public, or

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Dole Backs INF Pact in Appearance With Reagan

By David Hoffman
Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The Senate minority leader, Bob Dole, embraced the new medium-range missile treaty Thursday in a political moment at the White House in which he was introduced by President Ronald Reagan, who stepped quickly off the podium and dined he was trying to aid Mr. Dole's presidential bid.

Hart 'A Joke,' or 'Courageous' A Day With the Voters Draws Sharply Opposing Views

By Maureen Dowd
New York Times Service
PORTLAND, Maine — "Hey, Gary, how's Donna Rice?" the truck driver called out to the candidate. "How's Donna?" Sometimes it was whispered and sometimes it turned up in obscene signs and jokes, but the name of the Miami model whom Gary Hart entertained in his Washington town house that fateful weekend seven months ago kept coming up Wednesday.

Summit Creates Confusion on Nicaragua

Soviet Intent Still Unclear

By R.W. Apple Jr.
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan's brief discussion of Nicaragua with Mikhail S. Gorbachev last week has produced confusion about the Soviet leader's intentions in Central America.

Bizarre Post-Invasion Plan

By Bernard E. Trainor
New York Times Service
MANAGUA — From a military standpoint, one of the more bizarre revelations by a Nicaraguan defector in Washington last week was his description of the Sandinist plan to cope with a U.S. invasion of Nicaragua.

NEWS ANALYSIS

questions and having trouble doing so. As a Republican senator said Wednesday, "We're getting a lot of information, and it is making the situation more opaque by the minute."

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nothing militarily and could not be logistically supported for long. It would also divert forces from the defense of Nicaragua.

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The Sandinist leadership is skilled in this form of warfare and used it to overthrow the government of Anastasio Somoza eight years ago. But unlike the case then, it is not clear that the Sandinists would have the popular support in the mountains that they had then.

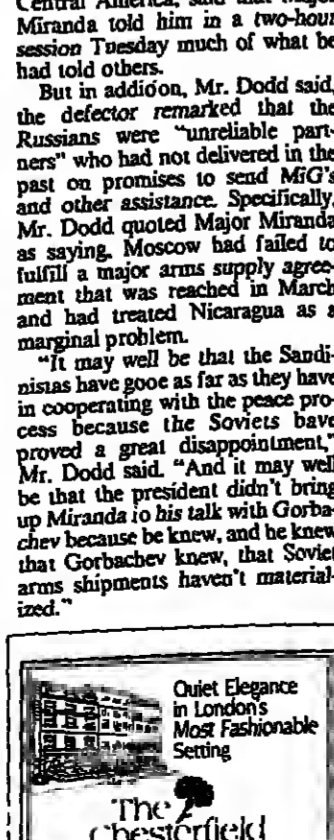
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Advertisement for Excelsior Hotel Ernst. The text reads: 'In Cologne, your preferred choice is the Excelsior Hotel Ernst'. It describes the hotel's location and amenities.

Advertisement for Lao Mines Wound & Thai. The text reads: 'Lao Mines Wound & Thai'. It describes the services offered by the company.

OPINION

Herald Tribune

How to Help Ethiopia

Once again at Christmas, the well-fed guiltily confront pervasive images of starving Ethiopians...

The Division in OPEC

OPEC meetings have become a kind of theater in which the world can see the political conflicts being played out among the oil-exporting countries...

Hard Economic Choices

When industrial production rises smartly, as it did last month, the Reagan administration and nearly everyone else hail that as a healthy sign...

Brazil Is Hurting Itself

Impatient with Brazil's fierce protectionism on computers and software, President Reagan last month ordered retaliation...

Europe: The Issue Now Is Peaceful Evolution

By Max Jakobson

HELSINKI — In the aftermath of the Washington summit meeting, Western Europe is racked with doubt and apprehension...

A Surfeit of Democratic Risk-Takers

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — The Democratic Party confronts a brutally simple challenge as the presidential election year ends...



Gary Hart by EWK. CLAW Syndicate.

Catastrophe or Prosperity: Which Is the Real Economy?

By Robert J. Samuelson

WASHINGTON — It has been a weird few months. Ever since Oct. 19, when the New York stock market lost a fifth of its value...

Japan's Latest 'Miracle' May Not Last

By David Gerstenhaber

TOKYO — Japan has pulled off what appears to be another economic miracle. Despite the trauma induced by the year's appreciation...

In West Germany, exports have held up better than expected. Unemployment has risen only slightly...

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OPINION

The Gaza: Israelis Have Failed Even to Look for a Solution

By Anthony Lewis

WASHINGTON — Israel's defense minister, Yitzhak Rabin, bristled when a questioner asked about the territories, drawing a parallel with South Africa...



Hong Kong Head-Hunting: The Canadians Know How

By Richard Reeves

HONG KONG — "The Canadians aren't playing fair," said a frustrated U.S. diplomat. The Canadians? No one attacks Canadians...

MEANWHILE

to China in 1997. Most of those people would like to become Americans, but the United States is hardly a player because U.S. immigration laws have nothing to do with talent or riches...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where INF Will Take Us

The advertisement to your Dec. 7 issue by the Ad Hoc Committee to Stop the INF Treaty, which appears to consist mainly of military officers, opposes any steps toward disarmament...

Hold Baker Responsible

The headline "White House Said to Warn Fed" (Dec. 14) demonstrates to what extent President Reagan and the secretary of the Treasury have turned American economic policy into the theater of the absurd...

A Way to Stop the Suffering

In response to Mehrdad Khonsari's letter to the editor "In the Gulf War, Apply Pressure to All Who Resist Peace" (Nov. 27), I wish to state my opinion about UN Security Council Resolution 598...

The Two Camps in Israel

IN Israel, debate over the territories has split the country along political lines. On the right, those who advocate annexation are increasingly open in adding that this might involve the "transfer" of some of the Palestinian population...

GENERAL NEWS

Acquitted Mafia Suspect Is Slain in Italy

PALERMO, Sicily — A defendant acquitted Wednesday in Italy's biggest Mafia trial was shot and killed here Thursday. The state-run RAI television said the victim, Antonio Cilla, one of the 114 acquitted defendants, was shot as he approached his house in Palermo about four hours after the trial ended...

criminal empire financed largely by heroin trafficking to the United States. The jury ordered life sentences, the maximum penalty under Italian law, for 19 defendants, including the top leaders of the Sicilian Cosa Nostra and professional killers who did their bidding...

Asia-Pacific Airlines Joining Forces For Computer Reservation Network

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune SINGAPORE — Airlines in the Asia-Pacific region are joining forces to set up advanced computer reservation networks to counter a threat from similar systems in the United States and Europe. Airline officials said that hundreds of millions of dollars would be spent on advanced computer systems over the next five years...



Cardinal Bernhard Alfrink

B. Alfrink, Liberal Dutch Cardinal, Dies

THE HAGUE — Cardinal Bernhard Alfrink, 87, who became a symbol of liberalism in the Dutch Catholic Church during his 21 years as primate, died Thursday in Nieuwegein after a long illness. Cardinal Alfrink represented the views of many liberal Catholics but saw his influence wane when the Vatican made a series of conservative appointments in the Dutch church in the 1970s...

Hawke to Stick With Party

CANBERRA, Australia — Prime Minister Bob Hawke, who won a third term five months ago, said Wednesday that he would lead the Labor Party in the next elections, due in mid-1990, ending speculation that he might retire.

EUROPEAN TOPICS

Irish Court Awards Treasure to State

The Irish Supreme Court in Dublin has ruled that a ninth-century chalice and other early Christian artifacts found in a bog by a father and his son belonged to the state. The ruling overturned a previous High Court verdict that had awarded 5 million Irish pounds (\$8.2 million) to Michael Webb and his son, who is also named Michael. The court granted the Webbs 50,000 Irish pounds.

Sweden Has Named a Square in Central Stockholm After Raoul Wallenberg

Sweden has named a square in central Stockholm after Raoul Wallenberg. It was the first such dedication in Sweden for the diplomat who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews from the Nazi death camps. Mr. Wallenberg was captured in Budapest by Soviet troops at the end of World War II, and Moscow has repeatedly said that he died of a heart attack in a Moscow prison in 1947. But numerous witnesses have reported seeing him alive in Soviet prisons many years later. Sweden, as a rule, does not honor people who are alive with names on plaques, and government officials said the measure was an exception to the "living persons" rule.

France May Penalize Incitement to Suicide

Although suicide is not a crime in France, the French National Assembly has passed a bill to punish "incitement to suicide." The draft law imposes prison sentences of as long as three years and fines of as much as 200,000 francs (\$34,000) for telling people how they can take their own lives. The measure is the government's answer to a book by Claude Guillon and Yves le Bonotie called "Suicide, Mode d'Emploi" ("How to Commit

Around Europe

James Anderson, a British politician, is facing calls for his dismissal after being quoted as favoring the flogging of criminals "until they beg for mercy" and saying he would be happy "to thrash them" himself, according to Women's Own magazine. The Chief Constable of Greater Manchester also said homosexual acts should be outlawed. Mr. Anderson, 55, denied saying he would be happy to thrash criminals and said a tape recording of the interview would vindicate him. But Women's Own said it stood by the article. Mr. Anderson, who once said a God might have chosen him as a



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Battle Shapes Up for Top UN Health Post

By Barry James
International Herald Tribune

After the highly politicized elections of directors-general of UNESCO in Paris and the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, a struggle is shaping up to fill the top job at a third United Nations agency, the World Health Organization in Geneva.

The organization's 31-member executive board is scheduled to meet Jan. 12 in Geneva either to select a candidate to replace Haldan Mahler of Denmark as director-general or to renominate him. He is to complete his third five-year term this summer.

The strong feeling at the agency is that the board may invite Dr. Mahler, 62, to remain for another term. The sources said that if he agreed, he would be likely to win the votes of most of the 166 member countries when the World Health Assembly, the organization's decision-making body, meets in May.

Dr. Mahler has said nothing about his plans. But if an invitation is not forthcoming, or if he declines, an ugly battle could ensue, with countries lining up behind candi-

dates according to regional and political considerations.

The Organization for African Unity, which supported the unsuccessful candidacy of Amadou Mahtar M'Bow of Senegal for reelection as director-general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, has backed WHO's regional director for Africa, Dr. Gottlieb L. Monekosso of Cameroon, for the post.

African diplomats argue that Dr. Monekosso should get the WHO job because Mr. M'Bow lost his position to Federico Mayor Zaragoza of Spain, thereby removing the only African to head a UN agency.

After the OAU backed Dr. Monekosso, an anonymous letter criticizing his qualifications and abilities began circulating at the health agency's headquarters.

When it became known that Hiroshi Nakajima, WHO's regional director for the Western Pacific, also was seeking the health agency job, a letter accusing him of being "uncared staff members" in the Manila office was sent to Asian ministers of health.

While the authors of the letter could not be traced, a senior diplomat in Manila, who made inquiries about Dr. Nakajima when it was learned that he was seeking the WHO post, said local staff told him they were irritated over the director's ambitions and critical of his administrative skills.

A WHO official in Manila, who asked not to be identified, said, "We've attached no credibility to it as a genuine letter of grievance."

WHO sources said both Dr. Monekosso and Dr. Nakajima have been lobbying for official support. Candidates must be nominated by governments or organizations, such as the OAU.

Internal criticism also has been directed against another potential candidate, Hussein A. Gezairy, a Saudi Arabian surgeon who heads WHO's Eastern Mediterranean office in Alexandria, Egypt.

At a conference on acquired immune deficiency syndrome in Kuwait this year, at which some speakers said the disease was a punishment from God against those who commit moral crimes, Dr. Gezairy stressed the role of



Dr. Haldan Mahler

French TV Film Shows a Glimpse Of Soviet Gulag

PARIS — Film taken inside a Soviet labor camp by a French television crew has given the West its first authorized glimpse into the Soviet Gulag.

A section of the film taken by the Antenne-2 television crew during a guided tour of the camp two weeks ago, men with shaved heads sit hunched over metal bowls of soup. The film was to be broadcast in France on Thursday night.

Antenne-2's human rights program "Resistances" unexpectedly was authorized, through the Soviet Novosti press agency, to film inside the camp, near Ryazan about 125 miles (200 kilometers) southeast of Moscow.

The film shows the all-male camp population of 400 eating, working and sleeping. Few inmates looked directly into the camera, but one smiled and another gave a quick wave of his hand.

The director of the penal colony, the local police commander and a political commissar from Ryazan accompanied the French crew on the 50-minute tour.

CRASH: Plunge Suggests Need for Regulatory Change

(Continued from Page 1)

Reserve Board and banking regulators such as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. as well as the securities and commodity futures commissions.

But almost every proposed change is fraught with political pitfalls, and little progress has been made toward instituting sweeping changes, particularly on the international front.

The immediate chances for major changes in Congress are considered small. The interested parties are entrenched and possess powerful lobbying machines in Washington. It is unlikely, for example, that other regulatory bodies would stand by if the Federal Reserve Board began to emerge as a dominant regulator of Wall Street. The SEC, whose institutional bias is toward protecting investors, has doubts about banking regulators, whose first concern has always been the safety of the financial system.

Moreover, the so-called self-regulatory organizations — the futures, options and stock exchanges — are sure to use their influence to beat back challenges to their autonomy in policing member firms. Nevertheless, experts say, with the landscape of finance rapidly changing, Washington will eventually be forced to address the need for changes. And the market collapse may provide the best political environment in years to carry them out.

While the SEC may have not been adequately prepared for the collapse, there is little dispute in the financial and regulatory community that the agency and other regulators did what they could once the crisis erupted.

In the week before Monday, Oct. 19, when the market as measured by the Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 9.6 percent, the agency was already on alert. It worked through the weekend before Black Monday, when the Dow plunged 22.6 percent, trying to figure out what was happening. Mr. Ruder and Richard G. Ketchum, director of the agency's market regulation division, were in touch with the stock exchanges, other government regulators and the White House.

The one crucial blunder was a comment by Mr. Ruder on Monday morning, while the market was

plunging, that one option the agency could consider was recommending a 30-minute halt in trading. Some say the comment pushed the market down even further, and the SEC chairman now concedes he should have held his peace.

Although the commission was on alert, there was not much it could do, except recommend a trading halt to the exchanges or the president. Mr. Ruder said the SEC was in only an advisory position for the exchanges on matters such as a market shutdown. Some in Congress are considering whether to give the commission new powers, such as the authority to call a market halt and the ability to prohibit some kinds of trading.

Congress and others are reviewing whether to enlarge the agency's powers, but some are saying that the way the agency works also needs to be addressed. Although its staff lawyers are considered some of the brightest in government, questions continue about whether the agency has the resources to regulate a securities market that has exploded in recent years.

After the Ivan F. Boesky insider trading scandals, the SEC's previous chairman, John S.R. Shad, finally conceded that the agency needed more manpower, particularly in its enforcement division. But now, as the enforcement division is being strengthened, some members of Congress contend that the commission still needs to beef up other divisions in the aftermath of the market collapse.

The agency is also considered to be technologically a generation behind Wall Street firms in its ability to monitor trading. Although it advises the exchanges on stock-trading issues, it relies on them almost exclusively for data.

Moreover, the commission is taking weeks just to accumulate the data to begin analyzing what happened on Oct. 19. Mr. Ruder acknowledged in a recent interview that the agency does not have the kind of moment-by-moment monitoring capabilities he would like.

Former commission officials also fault the agency in other areas. They say it has been deficient in planning with the major exchanges for such calamities as Black Monday. Mr. Ruder said the contingency plan he found, upon coming to office last August, was a document that described the mech-

Thatcher Concedes on Health Funds

By Howell Raines
New York Times Service

LONDON — In a rare concession to political criticism, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has authorized an emergency appropriation of £100 million (\$183.6 million) for the National Health Service.

Government officials characterized the financing Wednesday as a stopgap response to an "acute problem" in hospital ward closures.

But politicians on all sides also saw it as a move by Mrs. Thatcher to assure that opposition to her cost-cutting drive in the health service did not turn into a general public and parliamentary revolt against her plans for sweeping changes in the major institutions of the welfare state.

Rollers said Mrs. Thatcher was swimming against the tide of public opinion by trying to bring tighter management, private contracting

of services and higher user fees to the National Health Service.

There are also signs of growing opposition to her plan for a new system of local taxation that is designed to curb welfare spending at the community level, and the polls depict some slide in support for legislation on education and housing changes, as well.

Even so, government officials argued that the concession on health spending was only a temporary setback for the prime minister. They said she remained committed to use her third term for a large-scale legislative program which will lay the base for transforming several aspects of British society over the next few years.

In talking on the health service, Mrs. Thatcher suffered a rare reversal in the battle for public opinion. In the elections on Tuesday, she cited statistics to demonstrate "the government's excellent record in providing more resources —

Nigeria Arrests 12 Labor Leaders

LAGOS — Several Nigerian labor leaders, whose campaign against higher gasoline and kerosene prices has angered the military government, are to be charged with sedition.

The announcement on state-owned television came shortly after the Nigeria Labor Congress reported that 12 security agents had detained at least 12 of its senior officials.

The government said that the labor congress's statements were "designed to cause general dissatisfaction against the military government and subvert the government," the official statement said. The offense, rarely invoked, carries a minimum 10-year prison sentence.

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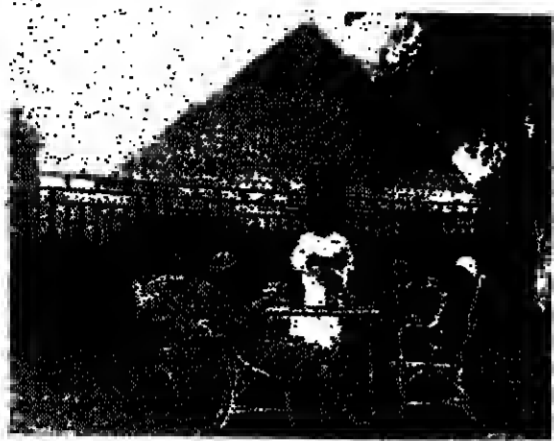
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Stately Pleasure Domes of the East



"Grand Oriental Hotels" is the armchair traveler's ultimate coffee table book and perfect Christmas present. A magnificent compendium of photographs and drawings, bills and memorabilia that evoke the golden age of the great hotels, built as palaces where East could indeed meet West. Raffles in Singapore, Sheppard's in Cairo, the Lake Palace at Udaipur, India, the Mammaia in Marrakech, the Peninsula in Hong Kong, the Grand Hotel de Pekin, and so on. Some of these edifices no longer exist, or have been revamped (like the Mammaia) out of all recognition. This book preserves their special aura in a vanished world of privilege and leisure. The hotels were the swaying posts for rich travelers, but also neutral places where, perhaps, the local rules about food and women's dress could be suspended. With their quasi-extrajurisdictional status they were cocoons for tourists, venues for meetings of state, military headquarters in wartime, swank annexes for local society, offering liquor, gambling and even a Hollywood backdrop for local weddings, writes Joseph Fichten of the Middle East establishments. Anthony Lawrence writes on the Far East, Martin Meade on the architecture and there is an introduction by Prince Michael of Greece. The book includes glimpses of the great who passed through: Lawrence of Arabia's bill at the Baron's Hotel in Aleppo, a picture of Winston Churchill painting in the garden of the Mammaia, Anna Pavlova on the terrace at Sheppard's. Published by Vendome in New York, Flammarion in France and J.M. Dent in Britain.

Seasonal Hotel Discounts

The city of Toronto is offering an enticement to travelers chilled by the idea of a winter visit to Lake Ontario's north shore in the form of a 50-percent discount in the basic room rate at 53 hotels. The rate will be available Thursdays through Sundays in December, January and February. Hotel guests are also given a discount book for local entertainment, shopping and dining. In Chicago two hotels are including admission to the Art Institute of Chicago with the cost of a room. For \$165, at the Palmer House and Towers guests also get dinner and brunch as part of the Chicago Anniversary package, through Jan. 1. The Drake includes the museum admission and breakfast with a weekend rate of \$154 through Jan. 31. San Francisco's Fairmont offers a package for \$135 that includes a choice of two tickets to the hotel's nightclub or cocktails and dancing in the New Orleans Room. For \$250 the Hyatt Regency puts guests in a Regency Club room, as part of its Dickens Christmas Package available until Dec. 26. Guests get breakfast and tickets to the American Conservatory Theater's production of "A Christmas Carol" and to a Dickens fair. In Boston two hotels are offering tickets to the Wyeth "Helga" exhibition along with rooms. Through Jan. 3 the Ritz-Carlton includes tea for two and a tape cassette guide to the exhibition, in a package costing \$190. Also for \$190 the hotel has a package from Dec. 2 through Jan. 3 that includes tickets to the Boston Ballet's performance of "The Nutcracker." The Meridian is charging \$152 and including Continental breakfast and exhibit passes through Jan. 3. New Orleans is offering December discounts at 37 of its hotels, from Dec. 11 to 27. They are called Papa Noel rates, named for the Creole Santa.

Rush to Australia's Bicentennial

Qantas Airways announced recently that it has scheduled an additional 150 flights in the coming months to provide 60,000 extra seats into and out of Australia to cope with the traffic attracted by the celebrations of its bicentennial year, which start next month. Now Qantas, United and Continental report that there are only scattered economy seats still available for flights to Australia through January. As of last week, Air New Zealand had only two APEX seats and four regular economy seats remaining for the whole month. All have some first-class tickets left. They also say that seats are going quickly for February. The Australian Tourist Commission says that hotels in Sydney are already booked at about 90 percent capacity for the year, though there are more rooms in other cities. Australia has announced dozens of events to mark the bicentennial, which will begin Jan. 1 with a live television program from 70 locations in Australia and overseas that will be seen in the United States on the Arts & Entertainment Network. Included among the events will be the World Expo '88 to be held in Brisbane, Queensland, from April 30 to Oct. 30, and a Tall Ships pageant in Sydney on Australia Day, Jan. 26. About 40 countries will take part.

The World in a Jigsaw



The jigsaw puzzle is an English invention of the 18th century; maps were the first subjects, with simple dissection along the line of county or country borders. Now a small London company, Optimgo, has reproduced some of the earliest puzzles—the "Nouvelle Mappe-Monde" of the earliest puzzle—the "Nouvelle Mappe-Monde" of the earliest puzzle—and a very verdant cartographer's view of as shown here, and a very verdant cartographer's view of the City of London among them. Original early puzzles are now collector's items, and the Optimgo versions are designed to be such also. Available from good stores worldwide, including Bergdorf Goodman, New York; Harrod's, London; and the Takashimaya chain in Japan. Also from certain museums, including the British Museum and the Metropolitan in New York. Further information from Optimgo, 43, Perrymead Street, London SW6. Tel: 736-2380.

Nonaligned Chic: Tito's Vila Bled

by Alan Levy

LAKE BLEED, Yugoslavia—Raul Castro pouted when the local musicians serenaded him with the only Cuban song they knew, "When I Leave Cuba," at a time when escapes and defections were thorns in his and his brother's sides. President Sukarno of Indonesia made a play for the glamorous Yugoslav harpist Pava Ursic by telling her she played divinely. "Thank you," she responded, "but my harp is not so good." The host, Marshal Tito, asked what the problem was. "Hard currency," she replied. Next morning, she had a bank loan and a new harp.

Kim Il Sung of North Korea decided you can take it with you, so his aides hauled his room's furnishings off in Pyongyang. These and hundreds of other VIP duffbags are regular fare in this alpine resort where Tito maintained a summer residence and hosted the Red and the Famous from 1947 until his death in 1980. Four years later, his Vila Bled—a masterpiece of modern architecture in a lush woodland lakeside setting—was transformed into a luxury hotel. Today, all 10 of its twin-bedded rooms (\$80 to \$110 a night, with buffet breakfast; subtract \$18 for single occupancy) and 21 suites (\$110 to \$240) are open to the public, which makes Vila Bled one of Europe's most elegant bargains—particularly with the rates still denominated in dollars.

"After Tito died," says Matjaz Završnik, the town of Bled's tourism director, "we had three choices: museum, mausoleum, or hotel. We chose the living." The two-of-a-century European movement called Modernismo in Barcelona, Art Nouveau in Paris, Jugendstil in Munich and Secession in Vienna didn't reach Slovenia until after World War I. Having arrived late, it stayed later—with Slovenian artists and artisans refining its virtues and discarding its excesses. The go-between was the architect Joze Plecnik (1872-1957), who studied with Otto Wagner in Vienna, but spent his last 36 years back to his native Ljubljana, the Slovenian capital 60 kilometers (37 miles) southeast of Bled.

For Bled between the wars, Plecnik designed curvaceous street lamps and, on the 13-acre grounds of what became the Vila, a pavilion of rough-hewn columns and colored stones. Later, in the dawn of the ornamental movement of nations, it would serve Tito as a hunting lodge for retreat and repose after chasing chamois on the grounds and bear in the adjacent Julian Alps with "The Lion of Judah," Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, and President Nasser of Egypt. Today, the Vila Bled uses it for receptions and concerts.

BUILT after the war by a pupil of Plecnik's, Vinko Glanz, in a landscape of magnolia and hyacinth, the main house looks like a Louisiana manor with a California approach through wrought iron gates up a cobblestoned boulevard to a canopied, pillared entranceway. The lobby is in a rare Slovenian black marble from a oow-exhausted quarry near Ljubljana. The bar and staircases are of an Adriatic marble, "Little Flower of Bras."

Cool marble carpets lead down corridors of golden geometric wallpaper to spacious rooms furnished in the early 1930s. They boast such amenities as mini-bars and twin sinks. Red linens in some suites have hand-made lace borders. The crystal-chandeliered dining room is decorated with Adriana Maraz prints. In 1987, a kitchen strong on trout and a Serbian peasant stew called Muckalica led to a coup de cuisine in which Vila Bled became the first outpost in the communist world to be granted membership in the prestigious French association, Relais et Châteaux.

Today, the Vila Bled still attracts an occasional official visitor: most recently, Chancellor Franz Vranitzky of Austria, 25 kilometers (16 miles) away. The Italian border is 30 kilometers away, but nearer are the famous ski jump of Planica and the resorts of Kranjskagora (site of World Cup slalom and giant slalom racing), Bohinj, and Zlatnik for alpine skiing. The Triglav

national park, which begins just beyond Bled, is for advanced skiers, while the golf course of Bled is ideal for cross-country.

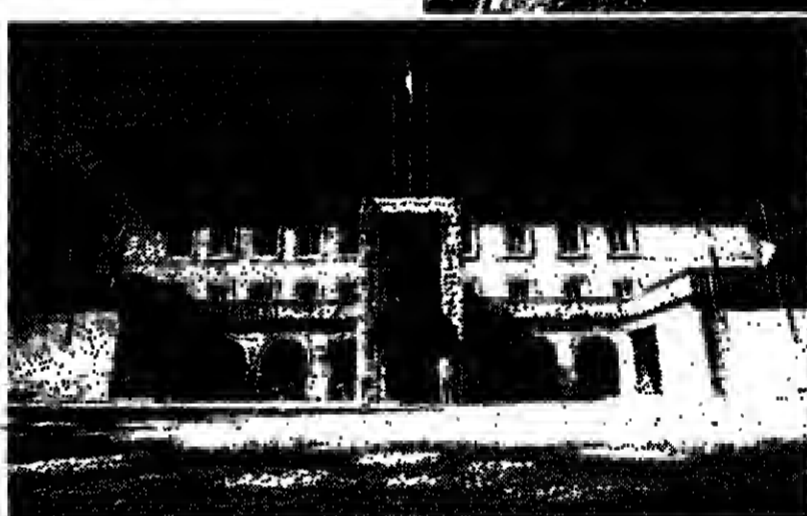
Adolfo Suarez came as an official visitor when he was prime minister of Spain and returns as a paying guest for six holidays with his wife and some of his children.

Lake Bled—2.2 kilometers long (barely enough for 1989's world championship rowing regatta, the third to be held here) by 1.5 kilometers wide and 30 meters at its deepest—is of drinking water quality (motorboats forbidden) and embedded like a jewel between the towering summits of the Julian Alps and the massive ramparts of the Karawanken range. Here, where swans fly in flocks, a Slovenian bard, Franc Preseren, understated the case when he proclaimed that this magical region called Carniola "boasts no place lovelier than this sweet paradise."

On an island to which guests can row in 5 or 10 minutes with one of the Vila Bled's boats or be piloted in canopied gondolas, a Gothic church was built in 1465 and Baroque in 1687 with 99 steps leading up from the lake. Pilgrims used to climb those steps on their knees to tug at the cord of the church's "Wishing Bell," fashioned in 1554 by a Paduan craftsman. If the bell rings on the third tug, one's wish will be granted.

A while ago, the Algerian oil minister, Belkacem Nabi, pulled and pulled and couldn't make it riop. "recalls the reception manager Janez Fajfar, a onetime museum curator. "A couple of weeks later, the price of oil dropped. So the next time he visited, I reminded him about the Wishing Bell and he said this was the first time the situation had given me something to laugh about."

The most recent of many miracles attributed to the island church came a couple of winters ago when an early frost aborted the walnut crop; the only walnut tree to bear fruit was the one shielding a Baroque statue of Mary Magdalene in a provocative pose part way up the 99 steps. Air temperatures in Bled can go as low as minus 20 degrees

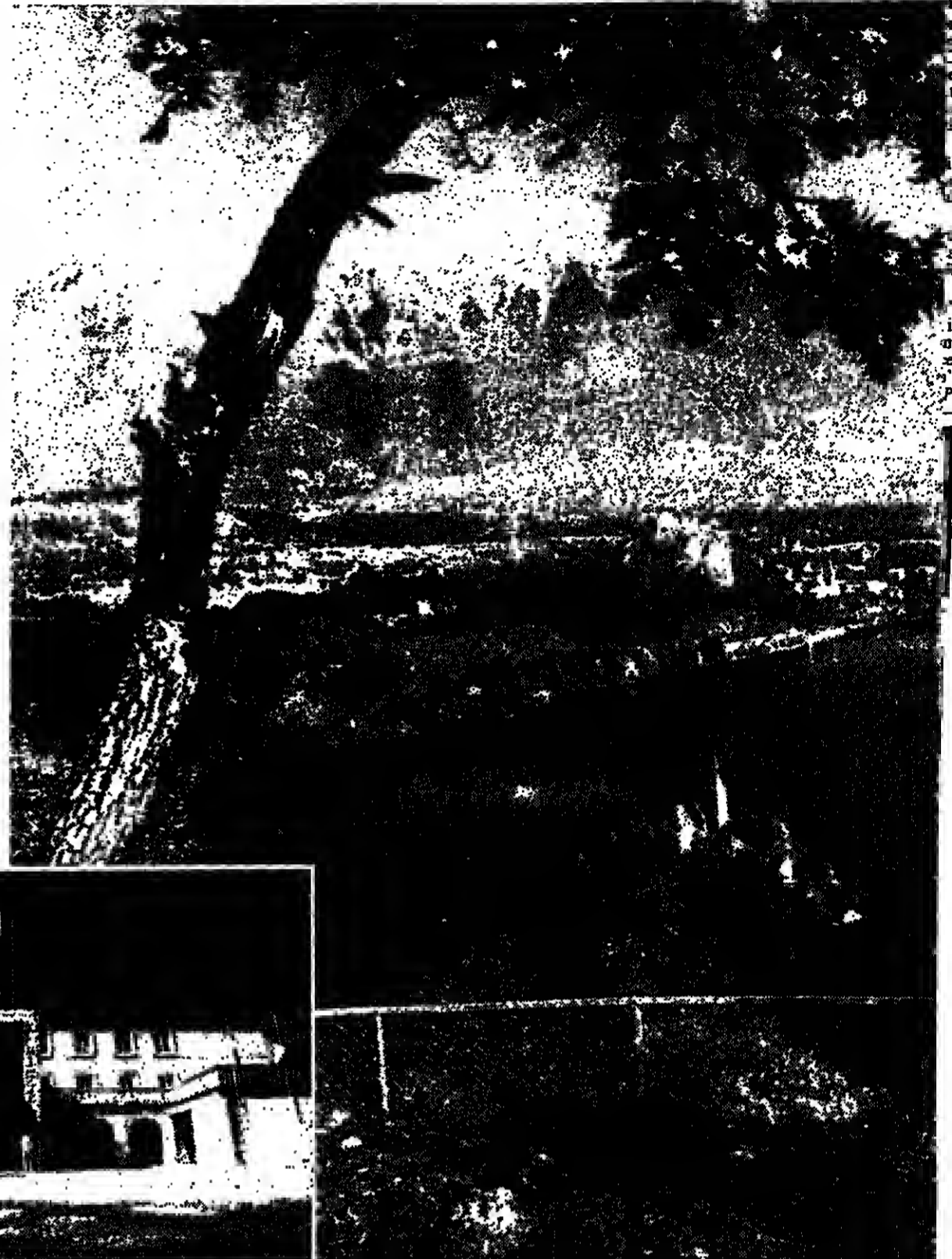


The Vila Bled, above, offers a view of some of Yugoslavia's most spectacular landscape.

Centigrade (minus 4 Fahrenheit) between mid-January and April, when one can skate to church or travel across the ice aboard a tiny trackless train; to summer, the water temperature can reach 25 Centigrade (77 Fahrenheit).

In the 1880s, Bled—in Hapsburg hands for many centuries—was colonized by wealthy Viennese as well as Jewish merchants from Belgrade who built mansions and hotels by the lake. Visiting oobility came to test the thermal waters and therapeutic mud beneath Bled's placid surface. It was there that the Emperor Franz Joseph's granddaughter, Elizabeth (whose father, Crown Prince Rudolph, died with a mistress in Mayerling in 1889), married the young Prince Otto von Windschgrätz at the turn of the century.

In the ashes of World War I, the Hapsburg Empire disintegrated and Bled found itself in the power "Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes" that eventually became Yugoslavia. In 1922, the fledgling kingdom gave the Windschgrätz estate to its



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new ruler, Alexander of Serbia, as a wedding gift when he married Princess Marie of Romania.

A dozen years later, a Croatian terrorist assassinated Alexander, along with Foreign Minister Louis Barthou of France, in Marseille. The king's son and successor, Peter II, was only 11 years old, but his cousin, Prince Paul, ruled as regent. A man of grand and grandiose vision, Paul had a fresco of his namesake, St. Paul, painted on the clubhouse of the 18-hole course he commissioned the Scottish golf designer Donald Harradice to create across town. (Currently, it claims to be the only one operating in Yugoslavia; there are no green fees for guests staying in suites at Vila Bled.) Paul also ordered the palace torn down to make way for something more contemporary.

THIS was done in the turbulent time of 1938-39, but only Plecnik's pavilion—on a high bluff overlooking the lake and the miracle island's 99 steps—could be built before the German Army

occupied Bled in the spring of 1941. The pavilion went untouched by the Germans, who killed five percent of the civilian population (which oow stands near 6,000). When the Germans were gone and Tito's Partisans mopped up in 1945, the country was communist and the monarchy had gone the way of the Hapsburgs. With Tito making few modifications of Prince Paul's conception, the Vila Bled was built in 1947 in the frenzy of reconstruction.

Tito later preferred to holiday on the Adriatic island of Brioni (where he broiled fish for Sophia Loren, whose husband, Carlo Ponti, has visited Bled). Bled, however, remained Tito's base for official entertaining of East bloc and Third World potentates. "When Western leaders came, Tito wanted aid," Fajfar explains, "so he sent them to the south to show how poor we were. When Eastern leaders came, he brought them here to show how well we lived."

One of Tito's first guests was the Bulgarian communist premier, Georgi Dimitroff, but, after Yugoslavia's expulsion from the

Cominform in 1948 for "deviationism," Tito had few friends in East or West. I ttleless, King Paul of Greece came to Bled in 1954 to join Tito and the presi of Turkey in signing a joint defense treaty in the Balkan Pact, which looked good paper. The road around the lake was p for the first visit of Haile Selassie, known as the "King of Kings" and "I of God"; one Bled native remembers h that "he gave out gold coins while people were already starving in Ethioy (Later, the self-proclaimed empero Central Africa, Jean-Bedel Bokassa, w make waves in Lake Bled by giving a op to the ticket-seller at the rambling c across the water.) When Jawaharlal N of India joined Nasser and Tito to spe the 1961 Belgrade conference on aligned nations, the three leaders retir Bled, 650 kilometers away, but N didn't hunt. At one reception, how Tito was a target: A ranking regional munist smashed a wine glass against a

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Holiday Visitors Will Find All Paris Is a Stage

by Thomas Quinn Curtiss

PARIS—Visitors spending the holidays in Paris will find a copious theatrical feast. This festive bill of fare runs the gamut from Racine to that mime of mimes Marcel Marceau (at the Théâtre des Champs-Elysées), from sumptuous revues and musicals to Jean-Paul Belmondo as Edmund Kean.

Among the oew productions of note are Antoine Vitez's superb staging of Paul Claudel's epic of Spain in its 16th-century glory, "Le Soulier de satin" at the Théâtre de Chaillot; Francis Huster's mise-en-scène of Molière's "Don Juan" with Jacques Weber as the sinful knight, Huster as his obedient servant and Fanny Ardant as Dona Elvira (at the Théâtre Renaud-Barraut); the double bill of Molière's "Monsieur de Pourceaugnac" (with Jacques Serjys as the provincial gentleman having a hard ome in the big city) and Labiche's "La Poudre aux yeux" at the Comédie-Française; and Racine's "Iphigénie" with Silvia Monfort and Claude Brosset in the leading roles at the Carré Silvia Monfort.

Eric Rohmer, the film director, has tossed off an engaging little comedy, "Le Trio en blanc" in which an aging classic composer (Pascal Gregory) converts a flighty girl mad on rock (Jessica Forde) to higher musical appreciation. A diverting conversation piece with its two players smartly costumed by Kenzo, it is at the Petite Salle of the Renaud-Barraut theater.

The late André Roussin made his farewell to the theater with an amusing sketch, "La Petite chatte est morte" in which the

jealous guardian of Molière's "L'Ecole des Femmes" stands trial for murder. It is at the Gaiety.

Lohle Bellon's "L'Eloignement" (The Estrangement) at the Gaité Montparnasse tells of a dramatist who is more interested in his plays than in his family. When he is down with first-night anxiety, the conflict comes to its climax. Pierre Arditi is commendable as the unhappy playwright.

REVIVALS outnumber the oew plays. Pierre Dux and Robert Hirsch display their histrionic gifts in Paul Valéry's philosophical discussion, "Mon Faust," at the Comédie des Champs-Elysées. Suzanne Flon, Georges Wilson, Jacques Dufilho and Jean Topart provide some remarkable ensemble acting in Jean Sarrault's wistful comedy, "Léopold, le biso-nime" at the Théâtre de l'Oeuvre. Henry Bernstein's "Le Secret" has been resurrected at the Théâtre Montparnasse in a silken production, directed artfully by Andréas Voutsinas, with Anny Duperey as its descepoive heroine, Pierre Vaneck as her husband and Fabrice Luchini as an awkward, upright young man who would marry into the family. Robert Hossein has brought back the popular 19th-century melodrama "L'Affaire du courrier de Lyon" and framed it as a courtroom investigation with members of the audience as jurors at the Palais des Sports at Porte de Versailles. Ibsen's "Maison de poupée" is on under Claude Santelli's guidance at the Théâtre de la Commune d'Aubervilliers, and Jacques Mauclair is giving playgoers a novelty with his presentation of the Russian comic masterpiece, Alexander Ostrovsky's "En famille on s'arrange tou-

jours" at the Théâtre du Marais. "Haute Autriche" by the Bavarian Franz Xavier Kroetz, at the Théâtre Marie Stuart, a sociological study of a couple living in an Austrian town, is another novelty.

The Folies-Bergère boasts of "Folies en folie," a Michel Grynbaum extravaganza in his best style. Serge Lama, the pop singer, occupies the Casino de Paris with his concerts, now in their third month. The Lido's revue, "Panache," is a lavish spectacle worthy of its international reputation. At the Moulin Rouge, Toulouse-Lautrec's quondam haunt, which has been fashioned into an attractive theater, a presentation entitled "Femmes . . . femmes . . . femmes" animates with Parisian flair the performing space.

AT the Crazy Horse Saloon its latest production on a miniature stage, "Happy Crazy 87" reveals again the imaginative showmanship of Alain Bernardin, its proprietor. With taste, wit and invention he has lifted the surprise into a theatrical art blending eroticism with humor. The Paradis Latin has a new show of scenic wonders with "Hello Paradis" and the Alcazar's latest is "Rire et Délire" in which gaiety and informality abound. L'Ephémère Bteu exposes "Les Sirènes du Pacifique" and at Michou talented transvestites perform side-splitting impersonations of celebrated songbirds.

French farces are so few these days that farces are being imported by the cargo from London, but one native practitioner of the art survives. This is Marc Camoletti, who has taken the Théâtre Michel as his show



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TRAVEL

THE FREQUENT TRAVELER

London's STOL Airport Is Businessman's Dream

by Roger Collis

I HAVE seen the future and it works. At least it worked for me when I flew to Brussels last week from the new London City Airport, which opened on Oct. 26.

London City, or Stolport as it is called for short takeoff and landing airport, is built on an old dock in the east of the City to serve the business traveler. It is six miles (10 kilometers) from the Bank of England, compared with 17 miles for Heathrow and 25 miles for Gatwick.

So far only two airlines are licensed to fly out of London City: Brymon Airways, a Plymouth-based regional carrier in which British Airways has a 40-percent interest, and Eurocity Express, a subsidiary of British Midland.

The Dash 7 is the only plane allowed at present to operate from the airport. It has an exceptional short takeoff and landing performance demanded by the 2,500-foot (762-meter) runway.

According to both airlines, no more than 200 to 300 travelers are expected to use the airport at any one time. Last week I counted 31 people, which included my 17 fellow passengers.

The airport is a business traveler's dream. You have a marvelous feeling of space; the whole place is almost disturbingly quiet, like a big executive lounge.

The airport complex, which cost £34 million, is owned and run by John Mowlem & Company PLC, a British construction firm. Says John Douthwaite, the airport director,

"We have tried to create a hotel-type environment for the business traveler."

Eurocity flies thrice daily (Monday-Friday) each way between London City and Brussels and four times a day to Paris-Charles de Gaulle (Terminal 1). It has licenses to fly to Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Düsseldorf, Manchester and the Channel Islands.

Brymon flies six times a day between London City and Paris-Charles de Gaulle (Terminal 2B) Monday-Friday and once a day on weekends. It has a daily weekday flight to Plymouth.

There are no price breaks at London City. All fares are full business class for each destination (Brymon does offer PEX on some flights subject to the usual restrictions).

What about some innovative pricing? Says Wilson, "This is an expensive airport and the planes are expensive to operate. We believe we are offering real value; a better way to get to and from the City of London."

But if this venture is to fully succeed, one needs a Stolport, or at least "STOL" procedures at the other end of the routes in order not to dilute the time-saving benefits.

Says Douthwaite, "Our build-up period has been encouraging but there's an awareness job to do. I don't know of any specific intentions to build Stolports on the European mainland—although there is a rumor of one in Sheffield (in the north of England)."

But even without the city center we need a separate business class facility. We are now starting to talk to other airlines and airports.

But the crucial issue for the future of London City is whether bigger, faster planes will be allowed to operate. "The Dash 7 production line is closing, which means the airport will last only around 15 years unless it is replaced," Wilson says.

Marbled Paper: The Art of the Clouds

by Susan Lumsden

IN Turkey where it flourished in the 15th century, marbled-paper making was known as ebru, or the art of the clouds. Pastel, abstract and as mutable as a cloud, marbled paper was reserved for religious writings because it so enhanced the venerable texts.

In 17th-century France the official book-binder to Louis XIII created a similar papier d'ore, so-named for the basin in which the paper was dipped to obtain its heavenly tints.

And over the seas in shrewd Yankee America, Benjamin Franklin insisted in 1776 that the \$25 bill of the new Revolutionary currency be edged with marble paper to prevent its being forged.

Although marbled paper probably originated in China and a comparable paper art called suibingashi has existed since the 12th century in Japan, ebru arrived in Europe through Venice with its windows open to the Orient.

THE tight, stylized, characteristically Islamic interplay of form and color made marble paper ideal for the fly-leaves of leather-bound, handwritten books. With the invention of the printing press, marbled paper constituted the first paper-back revolution when it jumped from the inner to the outer covers of books.

Made throughout Europe, even in the 19th century, marbled-paper making survives today almost exclusively in Florence with its old artisan economy grafted onto the airborne tourist trade of the 20th century. Nothing is lighter or easier to take home than a sheet of handmade carta marmorizzata, which sells in Florence's three main marbled-paper shops for less than \$8.

Founded in 1856, Giannini was first a bookbinder that catered to the large foreign literary colony that regigned over 19th-century Florence.

It was the English pre-Raphaelite revival with its fascination for illuminated Gothic manuscripts that was the inspiration for Florence paper, which is machine made, widely sold and not to be confused with marbled paper.

"There's not a single Italian text on the subject, although most marble paper is now made in Florence," said Gabriele Giannini, 43, who runs the cheery shop with its prevailing pastel, marbled-paper colors.



Gabriele Giannini with a photo album.

made in Florence," said Gabriele Giannini, 43, who runs the cheery shop with its prevailing pastel, marbled-paper colors. A typical artisan family operation, the shop is run jointly by Giannini's brothers Guido and Enrico under the direction of their father, Giulio, 86, who illustrates the poetry the Giannini still publish in Italian and in English.

"The English are the true book lovers of the world; the French are the finest connoisseurs," continued Gabriele Giannini. "Do you know that in Paris there's a Society of Friends for the Binding of Books? This is unheard of in Italy."

QUINTESENTIALLY Italian and unobtrusively, Giannini gallantly nominates the French company Michel Duval as the best marbled-paper maker today. The reason, he says, is Duval's faithful use, like his own, of natural dyes and water to marble paper. The competition, he said, even in Florence, often uses chemical dyes and oil to create the swirling, rhythmic patterns that have enchanted the human eye for nigh on 2,000 years.

Thereafter, marbling is a secret best known to its jealous master. It's the reason little has been written on the subject. Basically, a resin or glue is added to the basin initially to attach the floating pigments to paper. (The Giannini boil lichens from the North Atlantic to make their glue.) After the colored paper is lifted gently from its bath, it is patted, sponged, combed or brushed into patterns. The three most popular are peacock's tail, combed or marbled; the last became the general term early on.

Another offshoot of the Giannini bottega is Il Papiro, or The Papyrus, the reed with which the ancient Egyptians made paper. Founded by another Giannini brother, Francesco, 39, in partnership with Gianni Parenti, Il Papiro has branches in Siena, Rome and Venice as well as two shops in New York.

PRICES in the Giannini shop range from about 50 cents for a bookmark to about \$300 for a photo album. The most popular items are the address books and agendas selling from \$7 to \$18 according to the size. In addition, there are the decorative spheres, pyramids and obelisks at about \$60.

The current revival of the ancient art of marbling inspired Lino Previateo, 56, to leave Giannini five years ago and set up shop on his own. At La Bottega Artigiana del Libro, 40r Lungarno Corsini, he specializes in the bookbinding that he was taught as a boy by the Salesian monks of Turin.

Previateo, who uses both oil and water-based colors in his basin, makes all the regular agenda and address books. The most fanciful of his works are the carnival masks made of papier-mâché and covered with marbled paper or marbled directly. They sell for \$25 to \$45.

At Il Papiro the characteristic items are the folded paper animals, or origami, first made by the Japanese. While these delightful frogs, owls, peacocks and butterflies would seem to be aesthetic toys for adults, they have an effect on children, too.

In the early '70s, the Gianninis were the first to cover desk objects with marbled paper. Now, they are covering the same utilitarian items with some of the less important pieces of paper in which Florence floated after the 1966 flood.

Susan Lumsden, who lives in Tuscany, wrote this for The New York Times.

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Bled window to protest her host's high living.

EARLY in the 1960s, Nikita Khrushchev visited Bled, followed by Hungary's Janos Kadar and Poland's Wladyslaw Gomulka. Tito's nonaligned activities attracted Ghana's Kwame Nkrumah, Tunisia's Habib Bourguiba, Burma's U Nu, and Neiro's daughter, Indira Gandhi.

The North Korean communist

Kim Il Sung. Still, their chief liked Bled so much that, to everybody's dismay, he prolonged his stay. When he finally departed, his aides turned the table, literally, on Tito and the natives by hauling away furniture and linens from his suite as well as a comb that still bore a strand of hair—all to be enshrined in a Pyongyang museum honoring their dictator.

After Tito died in 1980, there were fewer official visitors and the collective leadership that succeeded him eventually gave Vila Bled to the Slovenian government. Renovating and running it was entrusted

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window and was rewarded with long runs of his comedies of mis-identification and threatening adulteries. His latest is "La Chambre d'ami" (The Guest Room), which has just opened with the comic star Odette Laure as a housemaid trying to conceal the infidelities of her master and wife.

The program of musicals is of wide range. Offenbach's rarely performed operetta, "Le Pont des soupirs" is at the Théâtre de Paris. The evergreen "L'Ambergé du cheval blanc" with its alpine high-jinks is at the Eldorado. Jérôme Savary's adaptation of "Cabaret" continues at the Mogador.

The impossibility of properly casting a French version of "A Chorus Line" has defeated all local producers so it has come to Paris in English with an American company at the Théâtre du Châtelet.

The Swiss fantasy Zouc, long appreciated by the cognoscenti, has burst forth on the larger public with her current engagement at the Bataclan, a battered music hall of the 1890s in the République dis-

Jango Edwards, the American zany (at the Splendid Saint-Martin) stalks laughter fearlessly, defying all decorum and playhouse politesse. He is a theatrical cyclone who sweeps all before him. His direct-action technique is flawless. He splutters in English to French spectators, few of whom comprehend what he is saying. This is usually saying is impermissible and matters little. He is to be seen, not heard.

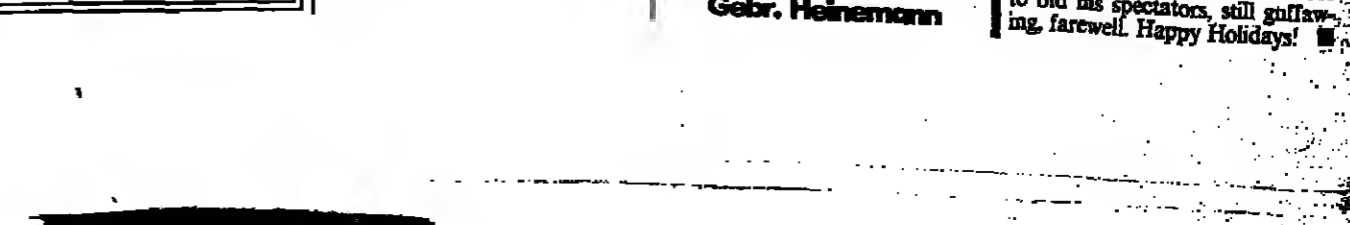
Clown and acrobat, he keeps his audience in gales for an hour and a half. Preparing a pantomime sequence he comes out in a familiar, looking shirt. "Yes," he vociferates. "This is Marcel Marceau's shirt. I stole it from him." "What's the beef?" he shouts, raising his fists in defense.

He then goes into a travesty of a Western movie, playing the bad man, the good sheriff, the dance-hall girls, the threatened heroine, even providing a shootout.

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TRAVEL

Mexico's Chapultepec Park: The Heart and Lungs of a City

by Larry Rohter

MEXICO CITY — It is one of the world's great urban parks, rivaling the Bois de Boulogne in Paris, the Imperial Gardens in Tokyo and Central Park in New York. But for the 20 million residents of Mexico City, the Bosque de Chapultepec is more than just a vast verdant expanse in the heart of the city. It is also a repository of national history and identity, a major cultural center and their favorite place for a Sunday picnic, soccer game or flirtation.

Foreign visitors to Mexico City, however, tend only to skirt the edges of this 1,652-acre park, thus missing out on much of its charm. Philangos, as those who live in the Mexican capital are called, are quick to tell visitors that, if they wish to see residents of the world's largest city truly being themselves, a visit to Chapultepec is indispensable. Others go further and say that Chapultepec is really Mexico in microcosm. "This is a garden and forest that belongs to all Mexicans," the park's director, Antonio Maldonado y

is especially attractive because it abounds in trees, wildlife, fresh air and silence.

But perhaps the best place to start is with Chapultepec Park's 10 museums, some of which are regarded as being among the best in the world. The National Museum of Anthropology in particular stands out with sections devoted to each of the major pre-Columbian Indian civilizations to which Mexicans trace their origins: Aztec, Maya, Toltec and Olmec. A few blocks down the Paseo de la Reforma, which cuts through the north part of the park, is a pair of art museums that are also internationally renowned. The Rufino Tamayo Museum honors Mexico's greatest living painter, while the Museum of Modern Art contains works by foreign and Mexican artists.

Just outside the northern edge of the park is the Centro Cultural, an ambitious new museum with shows spotlighting Mexican and foreign art. A current exhibition, "Four Centuries of the Image of La Virgen de Guadalupe," devoted to the patron saint of Mexico, contains more than 500 paintings, sculptures and photographs, including a large selection of ex votos, tin icons tradi-

natural habitat is on the slopes of a bandful of Mexican volcanoes. Also scattered throughout the park are more than 1,100 ahuehuate trees, which are members of the same family as the sequoia.

One of the features of the park most popular with residents is the lake that sprawls over a large portion of the first section. It is possible here to rent pedal boats or rowboats. From the water, the view of Chapultepec hill and castle is one of serenity and grace, with the surrounding trees reflected in the water.

Mexicans like to say that Chapultepec offers something for everyone, and that seems to be true. For the very young, there are numerous playgrounds equipped with swings and slides. There is also a Garden for the Elderly, not far from the Korean Pavilion in Section 1, which children and adolescents cannot enter.

Indeed, each corner of the park seems to have its own personality. The intersection of Ruben Dario and Campos Eliseos streets in the extreme northeast of the park, for instance, is a spot where young bullfighters often come to practice.

Sunday may be the best day to capture the true flavor of Chapultepec. All of its museums and most of its other attractions are free on Sunday, and thousands of Mexican families respond by spending the day at the park.

THERE has been a continuous human presence in the park since at least A.D. 1122, when the Toltecs arrived and gave Chapultepec its name, which means Hill of the Grasshopper. It is not clear whether that choice arose from the shape of the hill that looms over the park's easternmost section or from the abundance of grasshoppers in the surrounding woods.

The grasshoppers are still around, much to the delight of curious toddlers who chase them across the open fields and meadows.

As for the hill, the Toltecs erected an altar to their gods on its summit and chose Chapultepec Hill as the repository for the ashes of their rulers. Nezahualcoyotl, the prince of Texcoco, built a summer palace east of the hill around 1428; today he is honored with a statue and 600-foot-wide fountain in the first section. Chapultepec also proved to be a favorite place for the emperor Montezuma Xocoyotzin, who built a zoo and arboretum not far from the foot of the hill.

Traces of that pre-Columbian period are still being uncovered. The most notable site is near the foot of Chapultepec Hill, where Montezuma and his priests would ingest peyote in preparation for the religious rites they carried out there. Also worth seeing are the Baths of Montezuma, a remnant of the many reservoirs, canals and waterfalls that the Aztecs constructed here.

One of the last stands of the Aztecs against Cortez and his conquistadors took place on Chapultepec Hill in May 1521, and 1530 the park, whose access had previously been limited to the Aztec nobility, was declared open to the public by decree of Emperor Charles V. The castle atop the hill that was later to serve as the residence of Mexican presidents as well as Emperor Maximilian was built by the Spanish in the 16th century. Today it is the home of the National Museum of History.

In 1847 Chapultepec was the site of a decisive battle in the Mexican-American War. A band of cadets studying at the military academy in the castle were overwhelmed by the troops of General Winfield Scott, an incident that gave rise to the phrase



The lake in Section 2. Boats are available for rent.

in the United States Marine Corps hymn about "the halls of Montezuma." Rather than surrender, the cadets leaped to their death from the summit of the hill.

Though the former presidential residence atop Chapultepec Hill has been a museum since 1940, Mexican presidents continue to live in the park. Los Pinos, the presidential residence and office, is an impressive white stucco structure visible from the Periferico Expressway, which slices through the center of the park. Unlike the White House, it is not open to tours by visitors.

Even the National Pantheon is worth visiting. It contains a Rotonda of Illustrious Men, which is the final resting place of many historical figures. Artists such as Diego Rivera and musicians such as Agustin Lara are buried there; so are several Mexican presidents and more than a score of generals.

The National Auditorium is one of Mexico City's principal arenas, a place favored by musical ensembles and dance troupes. Prominent singers from Mexico and elsewhere in Latin America perform here regularly, as well as occasional American artists like Kris Kristofferson.

On evenings in April and May, a local ballet company performs "Swan Lake" with

Chapultepec Castle and Lake as a backdrop. Tickets for this springtime tradition can usually be acquired at travel agencies or at the Palacio de Las Bellas Artes downtown.

On weekends throughout the year, the Chapultepec Orchestra plays at various locations in the park. There are also free cultural shows, ranging from ballet and guitar recitals to puppet shows and poetry readings, offered daily.

IN the days of the Aztecs, Chapultepec was deliberately maintained as an elite spot far from the center of daily life. Today, however, the park adjoins Mexico City's principal business and commercial districts, so finding a hotel is no problem. The Camino Real, Presidente Chapultepec and the brand-new Nikko, probably the three best hotels in the capital, are all on the edge of the park, a short walk from the major museums and the National Auditorium. Visitors staying at downtown hotels can reach the park on two different subway lines or by taxi or bus.

For those staying at nearby hotels, it may be worthwhile to take advantage of the athletic pursuits that Chapultepec offers. In Section 2, a 2,000-meter jogging trail winds its way among a grove of trees. There is also

archery and horseback riding in Section 3. A wide variety of food is also available. It is probably unwise for the first-time visitor to sample the sandwiches, hot dogs and tacos sold by vendors, but several of the museums have cafeterias offering solid food at reasonable prices. At night, the Restaurante del Lago, serving Continental food and some Mexican dishes, is one of the city's preferred dining spots.

Chapultepec Park is open 365 days a year, though some museums and gardens close for maintenance one day a week, usually Monday or Tuesday. A free guidebook to the park, in Spanish, can be obtained from the information center atop Chapultepec Hill; an English-language version is expected to be available early next year.

Because of the large number of people who use it daily, Chapultepec's first section is generally secure. The biggest problem is pickpockets who prey on tourists outside the Museum of Anthropology, pretending to help guide visitors to taxis or buses. It is advisable to avoid secluded sections of the park's second and third sections after dark. But problems of visitor safety and security are small.

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The main staircase of the National Museum of History.

Huerta, said. "It is the lungs of Mexico City, but it contains the heart and soul of Mexico."

Like ancient Gaul, Chapultepec is divided into three parts. The first section is the oldest and most active as well as the one most likely to be of interest to the visitor. The second, dominated by a pair of amusement parks, Mexico's national cemetery and several lakeside restaurants and cafeterias, is largely manmade. The third, though less frequented,

nationally commissioned as thanks for blessings bestowed. It runs through March 13.

A stroll through the park reveals much unusual flora and fauna. There are nearly 60 species of birds. The Chapultepec Zoo is not especially large, but it has more pandas — seven — than any zoo outside of China. It also has in its collection the esquinle, a rare variety of dog raised by the Aztecs, and the teporingo, an endangered species of rabbit whose only

Buying Wine, Liqueurs in Paris: Two Cellars Worth Consulting

PARIS — Jean-Claude Vrinat has two great passions, wine and gardening. But for nine months the owner of Taillevent, Paris's most highly regarded restaurant, has not picked up a rake, a hoe or a garden catalogue. Instead, he has been adding to his already encyclopedic

or in the shop window is a dummy filled with colored water, so that no bottle suffers from light or temperature overexposure.

For those who want to move beyond the French borders, there is a small selection of wines from Germany, Italy and Australia, and from Spain he offers the dramatic Valbuena red wine.

Lovers of eaux-de-vie will feel a bit closer to heaven on finding not only the fine Chateau de Briat Armagnac but an incredible selection of Alsatian clear brandies from J.P. Mett, including those flavored with wild

first-growth Saint-Emilion, for 225 francs — Thustrup's focus is on the rare and old, thus expensive. His current collection includes more than 40 vintages of Chateau d'Yquem, 30 vintages of Romanée Conti, 40 vintages of first-growth Bordeaux, as well as such rarities as a jereboam of 1929 Chateau Gruaud-Larose.

But it is his personal attention, not simply the collection of bottles, that appeals. Basically, Thustrup works with a core of 30 or 40 regular clients, an international mix of French and non-French, each of whom spends about 250,000 francs a year on wine.

Thustrup approaches a potential new client — that is, someone who is willing to invest an initial 250,000 francs on a wine collection — in much the way a doctor takes a personal medical history. He visits the client's cellar space, finds out why he wants to begin a wine collection (for prestige? to show off? to invest? to age?), discusses his food preferences, and then begins tasting with him.

"I might leave this person alone for six months, asking them to note which of the wines they liked or disliked. At the end of that time, if there were wines they really disliked, I would buy them back," he explains.

HE says that he knows most of his client's cellars by heart, and when he finds a certain bottle — say a 1937 Chateau Haut-Brion — he knows that the client who collects Haut-Brion, and whose wife was born in 1937, will be a certain buyer.

Thustrup, who has learned all he knows about wine by keeping notes on each bottle he samples, has created his wine collection by buying up existing collections, at auctions and through word of mouth.

Like Vrinat, he is a perfectionist about storage. Every display bottle is also a dummy, and he grins as he says that he personally emptied every one of those rare old bottles before filling them with colored water.

Les Caves Taillevent, 199 Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honore, Paris 8; tel: 45.61.14.09. Open 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. Closed Sunday and August. Credit card: Visa.

Vins Rares et de Collection, Peter Thustrup, 3 Rue Laugier, Paris 17; tel: 47.66.58.15. Open 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. Closed Sunday. Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club, Eurocard, Visa.

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knowledge of wine by traveling the country in search of the finest independent winemakers, sampling more than 2,000 wines to create a totally personal wine shop, known as Les Caves Taillevent.

The newly opened store is on the fashionable Rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honore, a few blocks from the restaurant, and bears that distinctive Taillevent signature. With elegant stone walls and wooden shelves, the shop like the restaurant reflects understated, classic taste.

VINAT — whose restaurant wine list is among the most exhaustive and best priced in France — now offers consumers the choice of more than 500 wines, sumers the choice of more than 500 wines, and eaux-de-vie at affordable prices. The lowest-priced wine in the shop sells for 18 francs (about \$3.25), a little-known white from the southwest, a 1986 Vin de Pays des Côtes de Gascogne, Domaine du Tariquet.

Vrinat's goal is to help the public know the small winemakers of France, so even those with extensive knowledge of French wine are likely to make new discoveries.

Although shoppers can browse through a complete, 47-page listing of items available in the shop, he has compiled a "good value" listing representing nearly every region of France. Anyone who wants a quick wine of France. Anyone who wants a quick wine of France could start with this list. Vrinat's education of daily-drinking wines lists 19 whites and 23 reds ranging in price from 22 to 120 francs.

The list includes some good-value Bordeaux, such as a 1981 Chateau La Tour de By at 66 francs a bottle and a 1983 Chateau Potensac at 76 francs, both Médoc; a little-known Anjou white, Coteaux de l'Aubance, from the Domaine de Haute Perche, at 40 francs, and a fine white from the Mâconnais region of southern Burgundy, 1986 Saint-Véran, Domaine des Deux Roches, at 54 francs.

Whether that bottle costs 18 francs or 1,800, each one is carefully stored in one of the two temperature-controlled cellars in the shop. Every bottle displayed on the shelves

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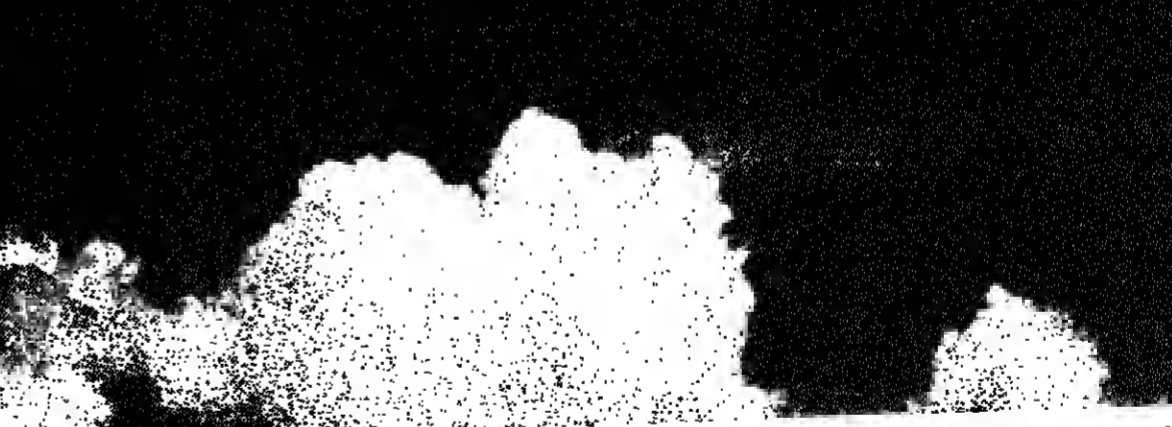
mint leaves, peach and citronnelle. Add to this an impressive selection of sherry, madeira, single malt Scotch, vintage port, champagne, liqueurs and even vinegars, and one could easily spend a day lost in Vrinat's cellars.

The process of creating a wine collection often moves in fits and starts, according to one's time, interests, passions and pocketbook. For those who have the passion as well as a nest of available cash, a visit is in order to the Paris wine expert Peter Thustrup.

Thustrup, a young Swedish businessman who has turned his passion for old and rare wines into a thriving business in four years, might be called a stockbroker for wine lovers. What he does is offer a thorough personal wine counseling service, including specialized wine consulting, creating a wine cellar from scratch to filling in empty spots in an existing cave.

Although one can wander into his shop and find moderately priced wines — there is a 1983 Chateau La Violette, a Pomerol, for 155 francs and a 1973 Chateau Figeac, a

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United Press International. NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange fell sharply Thursday in active trading, as profit-taking halted the price advance from the past two weeks.

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Instability of Dollar Helps Funds That Invest Abroad

By VARTANIG G. VARTAN

NEW YORK — The weakness of the dollar against major world currencies has played a major role in the success of funds that invest abroad...

World income funds produced an average total return of 16.31 percent.

This enviable record compares with a loss of 3.82 percent for the average equity mutual fund and a loss of 1.14 percent for the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index in the same period.

With a return of 22.14 percent, the T. Rowe Price fund holds top ranking this year among world income funds.

Yields on world income funds range, by and large, from 6 percent to 8 percent. Australian government bonds yield about 13 percent, but these are regarded as far riskier than bonds of the "hard currency" bloc in Europe.

FOR 1987, the second best performer among global funds has been the bond portfolio of the Massachusetts Financial International Trust, with a return of 20.18 percent.

Timing is critical in successful investment for mutual funds. Last year, for example, international funds that invest in foreign stocks produced an average return of 53.25 percent.

Reflecting the United States' huge imbalance with its trading partners, the dollar has continued to be weak this year. However, international equity funds are ahead by only 7.52 percent.

The dollar has fallen to its lowest levels since the 1940s since the government reported last week that the trade deficit for October rose to a record \$17.63 billion.

BP Buys 10% More In Britoil

Purchase Raises Stake to 24.9%

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON — British Petroleum Co. went on a 20-minute raid Thursday for shares in Britoil PLC and ended by boosting its stake in the smaller company to 24.9 percent at a cost of £226.8 million (\$408.2 million), or 450 pence a share.

BP also has asked clarification from the Treasury over the government's so-called golden share in Britoil, sources close to BP said.

The moves appeared to heat up what many analysts believe will turn into a full-scale takeover battle for Britoil, which controls 7 percent of Britain's North Sea output.

Last week BP, the world's third biggest oil company, said it had amassed a 14.9 percent stake in Britoil and would seek to acquire 29.9 percent of the company for around 300 pence a share.

Three days later, Britoil enlisted the American-based oil giant Atlantic Richfield Co. as a "white knight" to head off BP.

As a result, BP's 300 pence-a-share offer lapsed on Wednesday, and analysts had predicted the big oil company would make another try.

Brokers said that about 138 million Britoil shares changed hands during the day. Britoil's share rose to a high of 452 pence but later eased to around 420 pence.

A Treasury spokesman declined to comment on BP's approach on the golden share.

Aro has said repeatedly that it would consider mounting a full bid for Britoil if BP attempts to take over all of Britoil. (AP, Reuters)

As Winter Nears, Broker Eats Broker

Pain Is Numbing, But Industry's Pricing Is Intact

By Alison Leigh Cowan

NEW YORK — Despite the trauma accompanying mergers and mass layoffs in Wall Street, retrenchment is not a new phenomenon in the brokerage industry, which typically shrinks when the market hits hard times.

In fact, Wall Street is probably far better prepared now than it was the last time the industry underwent a major consolidation in the early 1970s.

Greater interdependence of global markets has increased the customer base and the amount of capital that can pour into the system.

"I don't think business on Wall Street has come to a screeching halt," said Samuel L. Hayes 3d, a professor at Harvard business school.

The most recent companies to go out of business or to be sold were victims of the stock market collapse in October.

Some trace it to Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette's decision in 1970 to go public, which has been imitated by nearly every other private partnership on the street.

Washington did its part in forcing major change on Wall Street. It opened brokerage commissions to competition in May 1975, and in 1983 it approved "shelf registrations," which cut the time and paperwork required to bring a security to market.

No longer would a firm get a chunk of business, or its asking price, simply because of long-standing loyalty or an exclusive slant on a customer's needs.

October's stock market jolt claimed some big names. E.F. Hutton Group Inc. agreed to be purchased by Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc., itself a unit of American Express Co.



The New York Times

Barker Makes Surprise Bid For Dee Corp.

By Warren Getler

LONDON — Barker & Dobson PLC, a food and retail group, made a surprise £2.04 billion (\$3.7 billion) bid Thursday for Dee Corp., Britain's third largest supermarket chain.

The bid was a surprise in part because of its heavy leveraging and in part because Barker & Dobson is much smaller than Dee in terms of revenue.

In addition to its Gateway grocery stores, Dee owns the Herman's Sporting Goods stores in the United States and a British wholesale chain, Linford.

By comparison, Barker had pre-tax profit of £4.15 million in 1986, no revenue of £127 million. It has predicted that profit for the current year will climb to around £13 million.

Barker said it was borrowing the full amount of the cash element in the bid from a syndicate of banks.

The bid values each Dee ordinary share at 230 pence. Dee's share price jumped 68 pence, or 38 percent, to 244 pence after the announcement, then slipped to end at 230, up 54 for the day.

Analysts said that Barker would need to sweeten the offer, but ooted that the company had succeeded in the past in obtaining enough funds to acquire target companies.

"The bid is too low to succeed at first shot, but a marginally higher offer would warrant close examination," said Paul Smiddy, an analyst with Wood Mackenzie Ltd.

"We see the prospect of the dollar declining 8 percent against a basket of foreign currencies over the next 12 months," Mr. Watt said in London.

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VW, Reporting Record, Predicts Decline in Sales

WOLFSBURG, West Germany — Volkswagen AG, reporting record sales at home and in Europe in 1987 but lower deliveries to North and South America, said Thursday it was confident about 1988.

However, it predicted a drop in global demand for cars after five years of steady growth of the automobile industry.

According to preliminary data, domestic sales are expected to reach 900,000 this year for the first time, up 5 percent from 1986.

Total world deliveries are expected to be only slightly below the 1986 level of 2.76 million units, up 10 percent.

VW led European makers for the third year in a row with a market share of 15 percent.

U.S. GNP Growth Is Put At 4.3% in 3d Period

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy grew at a robust 4.3 percent annual rate over the summer, as higher than expected consumer spending helped offset a deteriorating trade performance, the government reported Thursday in revised figures.

The Commerce Department's latest look at the gross national product showed that the economy was expanding at an even faster pace immediately before the October stock market collapse than had first been thought.

A month ago, the department had put GNP growth from July through September at an annual rate of 4.1 percent.

GNP is the total value of a nation's goods and services. Many economists had expected that figure to be revised downward because of a belief that the U.S. trade deficit was worse than had been estimated.

The Commerce Department did revise the trade gap in show it worsening at a faster rate, but that was offset by bigger government outlays and a faster pace of consumer spending, as cut-rate financing helped stimulate car sales.

Inflation, as measured by the GNP, moderated in the third quarter, reflecting slower increases for petroleum and food. Prices were rising at an annual rate of 3.4 percent, compared with a 4.1 percent rate in the second quarter.

The 4.3 percent growth rate was the fastest since a 4.4 percent increase in the first quarter. The economy expanded in the April-June quarter at a 2.5 percent rate.



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UCLA Economists Say U.S. Has Already Begun Recession

By Jonathan Peterson

LOS ANGELES — Although many analysts say they are encouraged that the U.S. economy might shrug off October's stock market collapse, economists at the University of California, Los Angeles, say the United States already has entered a recession.

"I feel like I'm living on a different planet," Larry J. Kimbell, director of UCLA's business forecasting project, said Wednesday.

In their annual report on the national economy, UCLA researchers said the U.S. economy, undermined by the stock market crash, would actually shrink next year by 1 percent.

The added savings — dollars that otherwise would be spent and therefore help the economy — will prove to be the recession's "trigger," the report said.

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"You might say the pink slips are written — but they're not yet in the mail," Mr. Kimbell said of companies' plans to cut jobs.

The report, which noted that Federal Reserve Board policy would play a key role in determining the downturn's severity, also predicted that consumers would be so cautious about spending money that the national savings rate will go up by 1 percent.

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Also, the report said, the recession is considered in be two consecutive quarters of zero growth.

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450.00	435.00	Schering	2.8 20	450.00	435.00	Schering	2.8 20
460.00	445.00	Roche	3.3 15	460.00	445.00	Roche	3.3 15
470.00	455.00	Novartis	3.4 16	470.00	455.00	Novartis	3.4 16
480.00	465.00	Amgen	2.9 19	480.00	465.00	Amgen	2.9 19
490.00	475.00	Boehringer	3.0 18	490.00	475.00	Boehringer	3.0 18
500.00	485.00	Schering	2.8 20	500.00	485.00	Schering	2.8 20
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520.00	505.00	Novartis	3.4 16	520.00	505.00	Novartis	3.4 16
530.00	515.00	Amgen	2.9 19	530.00	515.00	Amgen	2.9 19
540.00	525.00	Boehringer	3.0 18	540.00	525.00	Boehringer	3.0 18
550.00	535.00	Schering	2.8 20	550.00	535.00	Schering	2.8 20
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570.00	555.00	Novartis	3.4 16	570.00	555.00	Novartis	3.4 16
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590.00	575.00	Boehringer	3.0 18	590.00	575.00	Boehringer	3.0 18
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620.00	605.00	Novartis	3.4 16	620.00	605.00	Novartis	3.4 16
630.00	615.00	Amgen	2.9 19	630.00	615.00	Amgen	2.9 19
640.00	625.00	Boehringer	3.0 18	640.00	625.00	Boehringer	3.0 18
650.00	635.00	Schering	2.8 20	650.00	635.00	Schering	2.8 20
660.00	645.00	Roche	3.3 15	660.00	645.00	Roche	3.3 15
670.00	655.00	Novartis	3.4 16	670.00	655.00	Novartis	3.4 16
680.00	665.00	Amgen	2.9 19	680.00	665.00	Amgen	2.9 19
690.00	675.00	Boehringer	3.0 18	690.00	675.00	Boehringer	3.0 18
700.00	685.00	Schering	2.8 20	700.00	685.00	Schering	2.8 20
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750.00	735.00	Schering	2.8 20	750.00	735.00	Schering	2.8 20
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850.00	835.00	Schering	2.8 20	850.00	835.00	Schering	2.8 20
860.00	845.00	Roche	3.3 15	860.00	845.00	Roche	3.3 15
870.00	855.00	Novartis	3.4 16	870.00	855.00	Novartis	3.4 16
880.00	865.00	Amgen	2.9 19	880.00	865.00	Amgen	2.9 19
890.00	875.00	Boehringer	3.0 18	890.00	875.00	Boehringer	3.0 18
900.00	885.00	Schering	2.8 20	900.00	885.00	Schering	2.8 20
910.00	895.00	Roche	3.3 15	910.00	895.00	Roche	3.3 15
920.00	905.00	Novartis	3.4 16	920.00	905.00	Novartis	3.4 16
930.00	915.00	Amgen	2.9 19	930.00	915.00	Amgen	2.9 19
940.00	925.00	Boehringer	3.0 18	940.00	925.00	Boehringer	3.0 18
950.00	935.00	Schering	2.8 20	950.00	935.00	Schering	2.8 20
960.00	945.00	Roche	3.3 15	960.00	945.00	Roche	3.3 15
970.00	955.00	Novartis	3.4 16	970.00	955.00	Novartis	3.4 16
980.00	965.00	Amgen	2.9 19	980.00	965.00	Amgen	2.9 19
990.00	975.00	Boehringer	3.0 18	990.00	975.00	Boehringer	3.0 18
1000.00	985.00	Schering	2.8 20	1000.00	985.00	Schering	2.8 20

U.S. Futures

Via The Associated Press

Season High	Season Low	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg.
120.00	110.00	115.00	118.00	112.00	116.00	+0.50
130.00	120.00	125.00	128.00	122.00	126.00	+0.25
140.00	130.00	135.00	138.00	132.00	136.00	+0.10
150.00	140.00	145.00	148.00	142.00	146.00	+0.30
160.00	150.00	155.00	158.00	152.00	156.00	+0.15
170.00	160.00	165.00	168.00	162.00	166.00	+0.40
180.00	170.00	175.00	178.00	172.00	176.00	+0.20
190.00	180.00	185.00	188.00	182.00	186.00	+0.50
200.00	190.00	195.00	198.00	192.00	196.00	+0.30
210.00	200.00	205.00	208.00	202.00	206.00	+0.15
220.00	210.00	215.00	218.00	212.00	216.00	+0.40
230.00	220.00	225.00	228.00	222.00	226.00	+0.20
240.00	230.00	235.00	238.00	232.00	236.00	+0.50
250.00	240.00	245.00	248.00	242.00	246.00	+0.30
260.00	250.00	255.00	258.00	252.00	256.00	+0.15
270.00	260.00	265.00	268.00	262.00	266.00	+0.40
280.00	270.00	275.00	278.00	272.00	276.00	+0.20
290.00	280.00	285.00	288.00	282.00	286.00	+0.50
300.00	290.00	295.00	298.00	292.00	296.00	+0.30
310.00	300.00	305.00	308.00	302.00	306.00	+0.15
320.00	310.00	315.00	318.00	312.00	316.00	+0.40
330.00	320.00	325.00	328.00	322.00	326.00	+0.20
340.00	330.00	335.00	338.00	332.00	336.00	+0.50
350.00	340.00	345.00	348.00	342.00	346.00	+0.30
360.00	350.00	355.00	358.00	352.00	356.00	+0.15
370.00	360.00	365.00	368.00	362.00	366.00	+0.40
380.00	370.00	375.00	378.00	372.00	376.00	+0.20
390.00	380.00	385.00	388.00	382.00	386.00	+0.50
400.00	390.00	395.00	398.00	392.00	396.00	+0.30
410.00	400.00	405.00	408.00	402.00	406.00	+0.15
420.00	410.00	415.00	418.00	412.00	416.00	+0.40
430.00	420.00	425.00	428.00	422.00	426.00	+0.20
440.00	430.00	435.00	438.00	432.00	436.00	+0.50
450.00	440.00	445.00	448.00	442.00	446.00	+0.30
460.00	450.00	455.00	458.00	452.00	456.00	+0.15
470.00	460.00	465.00	468.00	462.00	466.00	+0.40
480.00	470.00	475.00	478.00	472.00	476.00	+0.20
490.00	480.00	485.00	488.00	482.00	486.00	+0.50
500.00	490.00	495.00	498.00	492.00	496.00	+0.30
510.00	500.00	505.00	508.00	502.00	506.00	+0.15
520.00	510.00	515.00	518.00	512.00	516.00	+0.40
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540.00	530.00	535.00	538.00	532.00	536.00	+0.50
550.00	540.00	545.00	548.00	542.00	546.00	+0.30
560.00	550.00	555.00	558.00	552.00	556.00	+0.15
570.00	560.00	565.00	568.00	562.00	566.00	+0.40
580.00	570.00	575.00	578.00	572.00	576.00	+0.20
590.00	580.00	585.00	588.00	582.00	586.00	+0.50
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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Grand Met Pretax Profit Climbs 24%

LONDON — Grand Metropolitan PLC said Thursday that pretax profit rose 24 percent to \$456.1 million (853.5 million) in the year ended Sept. 30, from 367.7 million the previous year, and cited improved results from its drinks business.

Sales included the Liggett Group Inc. cigarette business in the United States, and Contract Services Ltd., Diversified Products Corp., Quality Care Inc. and Children's World Ltd.

The company's trading profit from its continuing businesses rose 27 percent to \$51.6 million from \$43.4 million, with the acquisitions contributing to a 51 percent rise in the wines and spirits profit to \$22.3 million.

BA Holds 8.3% Of Caledonian

LONDON — Scottish Provident Institution, a British investment firm, said Thursday that it had sold 1.9 percent of British Caledonian Group PLC to the merchant bankers acting for British Airways PLC, a move that would bring BA's stake to 8.3 percent.

RTZ Wins M.K. Electric As Legrand Withdraws

LONDON — RTZ Corp., the British mining giant, won a takeover battle for M.K. Electric Group PLC on Thursday when Legrand SA of France withdrew its competing bid.

Nedlloyd Sees Big 1987 Loss Tied to Dollar's Weakness

AMSTERDAM — Royal Nedlloyd Group NV, the Dutch shipping and transport company, said Thursday that it expected a big one-time net loss for 1987 because of a downward revaluation of assets prompted by the dollar's fall.

Husky, Oxy Eye Texaco's Canadian Unit

NEW YORK — Husky Oil Ltd. said Thursday that it had met with Texaco Inc. and two committees in the company's bankruptcy case and expressed an interest in buying Texaco's 78 percent stake in its Canadian unit.

Texaco and the two committees, said Leigh Wilson, chief executive of Paribas Corp., Husky's financial adviser.

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OPEC: Economic Hardship and Political Divisions Cut Deeply Into Cartel's Cohesion

(Continued from Page 1) The United Arab Emirates are pumping twice their quota of 900,000 barrels a day. Others are cheating to make ends meet, too.

Amid such violations, countries such as Venezuela, Nigeria and Indonesia, which generally have adhered to production quotas, feel that the time for sacrifice is past.

CONSOLIDATE: As Broker Eats Broker, Wall Street's Dynamic Seems to Be Intact

(Continued from first finance page) still killing itself trying to supply capital.

Corporate clients are probably in better shape than municipal issuers. But already the level of service has begun to deteriorate, and expressions of alarm from small businesses are growing louder.

Two months ago are now almost impossible to line up, he said. The market collapse prompted bondholders to insist on dealing with only the best-capitalized borrowers, and underwriters are doing less prospecting for new business.

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Mountain Climbing

In late October Indigo assembled and published an index of low-priced technology bargains which we said would defy crash theories of that interval. One, Micron Technology, has already doubled. Applied Materials is up 50 percent, and we'll be covering the rest in reports we'll be pleased to send you with our compliments if you'll write, phone or telex.

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U.S. \$50,000,000 Floating Rate Notes 1979 - 1989

In accordance with the terms and conditions of the Notes, the rate of interest has been fixed at 8 1/4% per annum for the interest period running from December 20th 1987 to March 20th 1988.

Record profits from benefits of merger and group expansion

The year ended 30th September 1987 has been one of significant progress with record profits of £187.2 million before taxation, despite having made additional exceptional provisions of £77 million in respect of loans to rescheduling countries. It is also gratifying that the Group can absorb a provision of this level without jeopardising its strong capital ratios.

This continuing strong operating performance is the result of, first, tangible benefits from the merger, in 1985, of the Group's two former clearing banks resulting in a reduction in overhead costs. The merged Royal Bank of Scotland is now firmly established throughout Great Britain. Secondly, our new Group structure has allowed us to deploy our resources more effectively, permitting us to identify the services required by our customers and to provide an effective means of cross-selling those services throughout the Group.

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc STRONG PERFORMANCE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS. Record profits from benefits of merger and group expansion. Sir Michael Herries, Chairman. The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc. Key figures: Profit before taxation before exceptional item £274.2m after exceptional item £197.2m Total assets £19,119m Dividends per 25p ordinary share 12.7p. Year ended 30th Sept 1987. Year ended 30th Sept 1986. Change: +49%, +7%, +15%, +17.6%.

Thursdays AMEX Closing

Tables include the nationwide prices us to the closing on NYSE Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere.

Table A: 12 Month High Low Stock Div. Yld. PE High Low Close. Lists various stocks like ABC, ABCD, etc.

Table B: 12 Month High Low Stock Div. Yld. PE High Low Close. Lists various stocks like BAT, BOM, etc.

Table C: 12 Month High Low Stock Div. Yld. PE High Low Close. Lists various stocks like CD, CE, etc.

Table D: 12 Month High Low Stock Div. Yld. PE High Low Close. Lists various stocks like DE, DF, etc.

Table E: 12 Month High Low Stock Div. Yld. PE High Low Close. Lists various stocks like EG, EH, etc.

Table F: 12 Month High Low Stock Div. Yld. PE High Low Close. Lists various stocks like FI, FJ, etc.

Table G: 12 Month High Low Stock Div. Yld. PE High Low Close. Lists various stocks like FK, FL, etc.

Table H: 12 Month High Low Stock Div. Yld. PE High Low Close. Lists various stocks like FM, FN, etc.

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Table J: 12 Month High Low Stock Div. Yld. PE High Low Close. Lists various stocks like FQ, FR, etc.

Table K: 12 Month High Low Stock Div. Yld. PE High Low Close. Lists various stocks like FS, FT, etc.

Table L: 12 Month High Low Stock Div. Yld. PE High Low Close. Lists various stocks like FU, FV, etc.

INTERNATIONAL FUNDS (Quotations Supplied by Funds Listed) Dec. 17, 1987

Large table listing various international funds with columns for fund name, share price, and other details.

Floating-Rate Notes

Table listing floating rate notes with columns for issuer, coupon, next bid, and ask.

Deutsche Marks

Table listing Deutsche Marks with columns for issuer, coupon, next bid, and ask.

Japanese Yen

Table listing Japanese Yen with columns for issuer, coupon, next bid, and ask.

Pounds Sterling

Table listing Pounds Sterling with columns for issuer, coupon, next bid, and ask.

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CURRENCY MARKETS

Dollar Falls Again in Europe, N.Y.

NEW YORK — The dollar closed at new postwar lows again Thursday in New York as gloomy remarks by a former White House economist dominated the trading.

London Dollar Rates table with columns for Currencies, Bid, and Ask prices.

The dollar's plunge in Asia was triggered in part by comments Wednesday by Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German finance minister, that the dollar's decline would benefit his nation's economy.

M-1 Rose \$3.7 Billion In U.S. for Latest Week

NEW YORK — The narrowest measure of the U.S. money supply, M-1, rose \$3.7 billion to a seasonally adjusted \$754.4 billion in the week ended Dec. 7, the Federal Reserve said Thursday.

to sell the dollar in any case. Other traders said the chief factor guiding their pre-Christmas trading in recent days was bearishness on the U.S. currency.

NatWest Boosts Capital of U.K. Investment Unit

LONDON — National Westminster Bank PLC said Thursday that it was investing an additional £80 million (\$146 million) in County NatWest, its investment banking subsidiary, to cover development costs and trading losses and provisions after the collapse of world stock markets in October.

Oil's Fall Is Said to Ease Pressure for G-7 Meeting

TOKYO — Japanese government officials said Thursday that the sharp fall in oil prices this week had relieved pressure on the United States to call for an early meeting of the Group of Seven and could delay a gathering for some time.

Japanese officials said their government sees no urgent need for a meeting, either, despite the dollar's fall to a postwar low of 126 yen and 1.6190 Deutsche marks in Tokyo on Thursday.

Some officials said industry executives realized that there was little more the authorities could do to stop the dollar or to boost the economy.

Major exporters have become resigned in the yen's rise and have taken action to cope with it, including transferring production overseas, they added.

RECESSION: Economists See Sharp, but Short, Slump

(Continued from first finance page) The department also reported a robust 7.5 percent increase in new home construction during November.

serve, which has preceded over an extraordinary drop in the money supply this year, interrupted only temporarily after the stock plunge.

With neither Japan nor the United States showing great enthusiasm for a G-7 meeting, it will be up in Europe to take the lead, one Japanese official said.

Thursday's OTC Prices NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list, compiled by the AP, contains the most traded securities for their value.

Table of OTC prices for various stocks including AAW, ADC, ADI, etc.

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BOOK BRIEFS

2061: Odyssey Three. By Arthur C. Clarke. Del Rey-Ballantine. 201 East 50th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022.

Some years ago, the publisher of Del Rey-Ballantine Books handed over the smallest advance payment ever for a book by a bestselling author—a \$1 check made out to Arthur C. Clarke for an unwritten work tentatively titled "2061: The Final Odyssey."

Few science fiction sagas have been as popular as the exploration of mankind's destiny that Clarke began with "2001: A Space Odyssey." The ultimate chapter was eagerly awaited.

But Clarke was in no hurry. He wanted to incorporate results of NASA's Galileo mission to Jupiter into his book and refused to write it until the results were available. Hence the \$1 advance against \$1.3 million guaranteed royalties.

Unfortunately, the Challenger calamity put Project Galileo on hold until 1995 or later. Clarke fans seemed in for a long wait. Then, some months ago, Owen Locke at Del Rey Books found in his mail a complete manuscript titled "2061: Odyssey Three."

Blinded as an interim novel in Clarke's series, the new book is a slim, superelegant ramble with old friends. The protagonist, again, is Heywood Floyd, hero of the preceding Odyssey books. Now more than a century old, but preserved by years spent in frozen sleep between planets, Floyd embarks on what begins as a leisure cruise to a comet. Naturally, his voyage is eventful.

The year 2061 is, of course, when Halley's Comet next returns to the inner solar system, where the sun's heat periodically coaxes from that cosmic ice ball yet another shivery performance. Half of Clarke's traveltogue is taken up describing what it might be like to visit, and even stand upon, a comet undergoing this fierce transformation.

"2061" is set on a more human scale than the prior Odysseys. Clarke's penchant for speculating about the ultimate destiny of humanity and all intelligent life is restrained this time—possibly because he is saving up for that promised but final, certainly the conclusion of "2061: Odyssey Three" hints at much grander things to come. (David Brin, L&T)

THE ADAMS WOMEN: Abigail & Louisa Adams, Their Sisters and Daughters. By Paul C. Nagel. Oxford University Press, 200 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016.

Paul C. Nagel's "The Adams Women"

quotes a 1790 letter from Mary Smith Cranch to her sister Abigail Smith Adams, missing on the trials of her sex. "You and I have been better wives than the world will ever know," Mary writes, "or give us credit for."

Nagel does not quote the judgment of another Adams on the subject of female anonymity—Henry's in "The Education"—that the 19th-century American woman lives on only as "the man saw her," but his book is another significant correction of history's tendency to silence on the distaff side. Beginning at the beginning, with the wife of the founding Adams, John Adams' redoubtable Abigail, and her sisters Mary and Elizabeth, and ending with another daughter Abigail, "Abby" Brown Brooks, the wife of Charles Francis Adams; Nagel recaptures the thought and acts of these privileged women as they suffered and supported a great American dynasty.

The feminist informography Nagel's book is the more persuasive for being unobtrusive. Indeed, some readers may wish for more psychological probing behind the remarkable correspondence of these Adams women, especially the letters between the strong-willed Nabby and her domineering mother. On the whole, however, the larger meaning of their words speaks for itself. Nagel's point about the "pedestalizing" of the 19th-century female is as compellingly made as that of more didactic feminist scholars. (David Levering Lewis, WP)

TRUST YOUR HEART: An Autobiography. By Judy Collins. Foughton MHFA, 2 Park Street, Boston, Mass. 02108.

It hardly seems possible that Judy Collins—who along with Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Arlo Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Peter, Paul & Mary, and others sang us through the '60s—is herself now almost 50. The songs she sang are well enough known: 22 albums, six of them gold, some of them classics of contemporary popular music. Now with this memoir, we have the story of the singer behind the songs.

Salient facts: Judy Collins learned to perform at the feet of her father, a blind singer and radio personality, a "master dreamer and gypsy." A gifted classical pianist, Collins was 15 when she fell in love with folk music. "Singing for people..." Standing up in front of the audience, looking out at them instead of just sitting behind the piano and playing, I had the sense of eyes, faces, hopes. Folk music, she found, was more than music; it supplied the missing half, the story.

At 19 she left school, married, had a son. There was divorce, a custody fight, which she lost, and a career that took off. Along the way she had polio, tuberculosis and a throat operation; she fought alcoholism and lost love. An interesting inverse relationship, in fact, appears between her career and love life. As the career prospered, her love life suffered, and her loneliness is palpable through much of this account.

Less a memoir of the times than one woman's story, "Trust Your Heart" bears a few—but only a few—markings of the celebrity autobiography, such as the torrent of names. In the space of two rather short sentences, Collins manages to squeeze in 11 names. But much of the quotidian detail of her high-flying life is undeniably fascinating. (Carol Eron, WP)

Complex block containing a crossword puzzle and a word search puzzle.

BRIDGE section featuring a bridge game layout with cards and a commentary by Alan Truscott.

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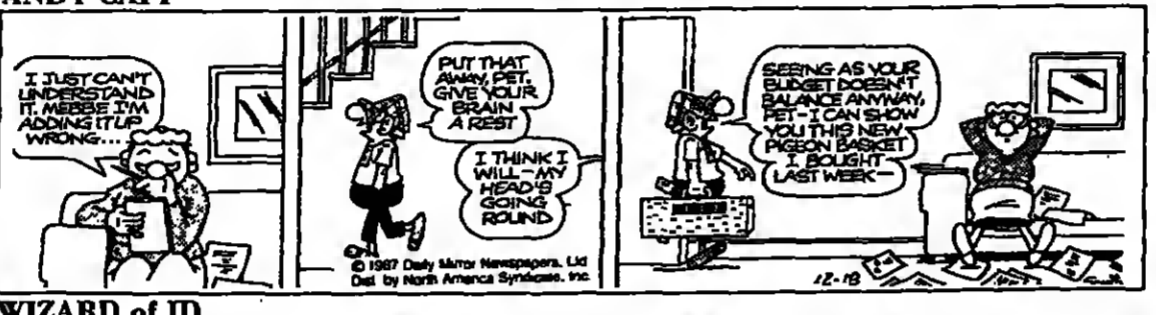
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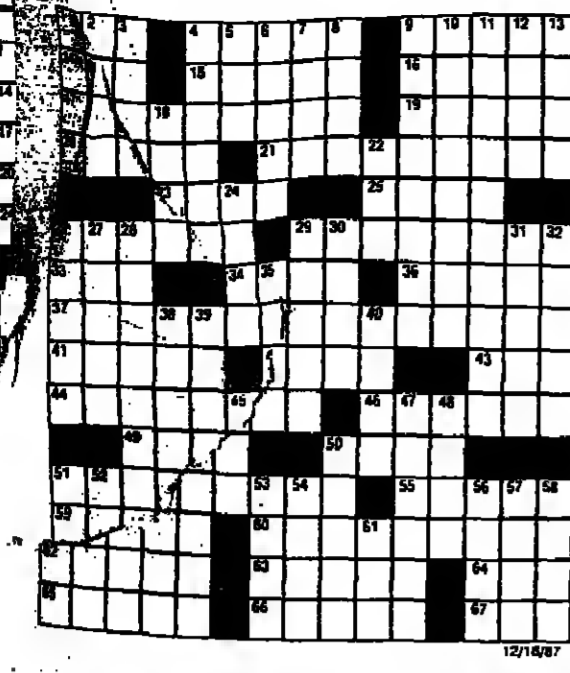
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I CAN REMEMBER WHEN A STOCKING COULD HOLD EVERYTHING A CHILD WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS.

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SPORTS

49ers' Record-Tying Rice Fifi Is All Snap 'n' Crackle Catching Passes

By Roy S. Johnson
REDWOOD CITY, California — You can't help but notice the hands. Long, dark, strong and boldly decorated with rings of gold and diamonds...

when I got here I was thinking about my routes and not concentrating on the ball.
"Wow, it's almost unreal," he said. "Once the ball's thrown to me, I don't hear anything. No footsteps, no crowd. And I don't see anything except the ball."

smile and the Flash 80 towel that, until last month, hung from the front of his pants during games.
"That was my inspiration," Rice said. "Before every game, I would sit in front of my locker and draw the design onto the towel as I concentrated on the game-plan."

"It was either football or punishment, so that was that."
Rice quickly developed an eye for pass-catching, but it took some prodding from his father, a bricklayer, to help him focus on his future.



Jerry Rice, catcher of 18 touchdown passes — at least one in 11 straight games — licensed himself to play well in the NFL.

Ditka's Really Gummed It Up This Time

The Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO — A woman who claims she was hit by a wad of gum thrown by the Chicago Bears coach, Mike Ditka, says she won't press criminal charges but has hired a lawyer to seek some kind of compensation.

Some Soviet Players, but Not Best, Bound for NHL

The Associated Press
TORONTO — The Soviet Union will allow some players, but never its best, to join the National Hockey League, according to a report from Moscow.

LSU's Dale Brown: Basketball's Second Most Controversial Coach

By John Feinstein
WASHINGTON — Once there was a basketball coach who went in search of Noah's Ark. He didn't find it. The same coach went into the Amazon jungle and from there called a recruit. He didn't get the player, but he did get the phone bill: \$112 for six minutes.

Wilander-Krishnan Opens Final

The Associated Press
GOTEBORG, Sweden — Mats Wilander of Sweden, the world's third-ranked tennis player, was drawn Thursday to face India's No. 1, Ramesh Krishnan, in the opening match Friday of the Davis Cup final between the two countries.

In Poland, Soccer Fights Mar Women's Basketball

United Press International
WARSAW — A women's basketball game in the Polish League had to be halted because of an outbreak of "soccer-boogianism," the newspaper Kurier Polski has reported.

McGuire Loses Home, Museum in Fire

The Associated Press
COLUMBIA, South Carolina — A virtual museum of basketball memorabilia has been lost in a fire that destroyed the home of Frank McGuire, who, with his wife, escaped with only single hair.

Transition

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Table with columns for Hockey (NHL Standings, WALES CONFERENCE, Adams Division, Campbell Conference) and Basketball (NBA Standings, Eastern Conference, Central Division, Western Conference).

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Argentina Beats West Germany Again
BUENOS AIRES (AP) — Jorge Burruchaga, who scored the winning goal in last year's World Cup final, scored nine minutes into the second half Wednesday to give Argentina a 1-0 victory over West Germany in an exhibition rematch of the 1986 World Cup final.

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OBSERVER

Dozing Through Gasnost

By Russell Baker
NEW YORK — Easy Riddle: What is longer than the opening statement at a Mikhail Gorbachev news conference?

Answer: A professional football game.

Three hours and 33 minutes was how long it took the Dallas Cowboys to lose to the Washington Redskins Sunday afternoon.

After the first hour of his opening statement at that news conference last week, I lost track of time and didn't recover consciousness until he had finally consented to let the reporters ask a few questions so he could answer with contempt.

When I awoke, however, more than two hours had passed, and while Gorbachev still looked fresh as a daffodil on a March morning, the journalists had the groggy look of people who have been up all night reading government prose.

Still, he didn't run much over two hours, while the Redskins and Cowboys went on almost as long as Fidel Castro.

Distaff Blah Blah Blah: While drifting between slumber and consciousness at the Redskins-Cowboys game, I was jolted awake by a thought of thundering triviality about the coaches of the two teams.

ous football teams for the Redskins to acquire something called "home-field advantage" in some games scheduled for January.

But if Raisa-Nancy relations mattered for the future of super-power relations, surely relations between the wives of Coach Gibbs and Coach Landry might have decisive influence on these hours of torpor deepening in R.F.K. Stadium.

Bah to the Press: Here surely was more proof that our press is derelict. Sitting at that game where time had stopped, I reflected on the good work done by the United States' newspaper columns in the past week. I had counted 217 columnists who had tried to save the pulchre American population from its dangerously simple-minded readiness to believe Gorbachev was a good guy.

They had the courage and integrity to tell America the truth: Though Gorbachev might smile, he was still a Commie.

This had been the press at its best. Doing its thankless duty for a childish, innocent people. Yes, the press could sometimes be magnificent when dealing with the great issues. But the critics were right about its "hard instance."

The All-Clear: Monday, at home, sport ended at last. I hear the latest Nancy-Raisa report. It is grim. U.S. News & World Report says Nancy considers Raisa "a chatterbox."

Holly Hunter, a Barbed Look at TV News

By Mel Gussow
NEW YORK — In James L. Brooks' new film, "Broadcast News," a handsome new anchorman is called into television action during a crisis in the Middle East.



Hunter with director James Brooks (center) and William Hurt on the set.

For Holly Hunter, the role of Jane Craig, in Brooks' first film since "Terms of Endearment," represents a career breakthrough, offering the actress a sizable dramatic challenge.

As Jane Craig, she has to act with reflexive ease in the tightest of deadline situations. As her television colleagues become increasingly agitated, she has to be an island of calm.

Audiences may approach the film as a "Network" for the late 1980s and think of it as a political commentary on the paradoxes of the television industry.

Looking back on the audition, the director said, "When I saw Holly, it seemed inevitable. I was

impressed by how she focused her energy. Five lines into the reading, I knew she was the one. Bill and I were afraid to look at one another."

"It was a oew blank for me," Hunter said, adding that she was filled with "fear, terror and fatigue," and had to work harder than the ever had before.

As she began working on Jane Craig, there were questions of credibility, whether she could convince audiences (and herself) that she was a powerful television producer.

searched their roles at the CBS Washington bureau. In particular, Hunter studied Susan Zirinsky, a senior CBS producer, sitting with her during her long workday.

Regarding her character, she said, "She has an overriding need to control, mainly to control herself." In the film, Hunter is occasionally glimpsed fighting back tears.

Brooks thought that it was also of paramount importance that the character "be sexy in a different way." He discovered that the actress could change her appearance, she could look "arresting or beautiful through the force of her craft."

However, she has had a Jane Craig-like determination in her life as well as in her other roles. She made her stage debut as Helen Keller in the fifth grade, and by the time she was in the ninth grade and dancing in the chorus of "The Boy Friend," she had decided to become an actress.

With all her roles, she tries to "keep it real." "The script dictates my actions," she said. "I just try to fill in all the blanks in the character's life. What does the character want in that scene?"

Her approach is to find aspects of herself within her characters. Pointing to herself, she said that aspects of Jane Craig "live in here somewhere—I pulled them out."

PEOPLE

Loading a Time Capsule For Marilyn for 2062

A word of advice to Richard Gere of Marilyn Monroe: stick around. On Aug. 5, 2062, the 100th anniversary of the actress' death, a time capsule containing her pajamas, a lock of her hair, baby and family pictures, and other memorabilia will be unearthed. Friends and family of the actress, who died 25 years ago of a drug overdose in circumstances never fully explained, gathered for a capsule-loading ceremony in Los Angeles Wednesday.

The Supreme Court in Dublin ruled that a collection of ninth-century Christian artifacts found a bog by a man and his son belong to the state. Michael Webb, 50, and his son, Michael, 22, found the gold, silver and bronze items, valued at \$9 million, in February 1980. The court awarded the Webb \$52,000 and relieved them of paying court costs, estimated at \$500,000. It overturned a Circuit Court ruling last year ordering the state-run National Museum to hand over the treasure or pay Webb its value in cash.

The Steven Spielberg film "Empire of the Sun" has been named the best picture of 1987 by the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures. Spielberg was also named best director. The film's stars "Jean de Florette" and "Manon des Sources" took honors for best foreign films. Among the other winners were: Michael Douglas, best actor; "Wall Street," Lili Fini Zanuck, best screenplay; "The Whales of August" and "Broadcast News," best picture.

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